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SUMMARY.

The Australian cricketers commenced the first match of their tour at Nottingham yesterday.

The weather was fine and the wicket fast.

The Australians practised for an hour and a half at Lords the previous day. All were in good form, and Cotter is bowling well.

MacLaren will captain the English teams in the test matches.

King Edward, returning from his Mediterranean cruise, has arrived at Paris, where he will rest.

Prince Bulow is determined to resign unless the Reichstag accepts the basis of his financial policy.

Hilmi Pasha, who is acceptable to the Committee of Union and Progress, has formed a Cabinet at Constantinople.

Sir Edward Grey believes the Turkish constitutional party will labour to establish effective civil administration.

A petition signed by 41,616 clergy and laity has been prepared for Convocation against the use of eucharistic vestments.

A committee of the London Stock Exchange has informed the Chancellor of the Exchequer that some of the Budget proposals are open to grave objections.

Mr. Roosevelt, who is enjoying a holiday in British East Africa, shot six lions, and his son Kermit one.

The Shah of Persia has issued a proclamation granting the restoration of the Constitution.

The strikers in Buenos Ayres assembled at the morgue to attend the funeral of their comrades who were killed in the May Day disturbances.

Finding that the police had surreptitiously removed the bodies, a violent demonstration followed, and the strikers attacked the tramcars.

A by-election for the Stratford-on-Avon division of Warwickshire resulted in the return of Mr. F. S. Foster, a tariff reformer.

A committee has been appointed to advise the Admiralty and the War Office on the construction of balloons and aeroplanes.

The Pope urges the clergy to fight against modernism.

The proposals of the Commonwealth Government for the construction of an Australian fleet are being considered.

The British Army's new type of dirigible balloon made a successful flight at Aldershot.

An aeroplane, invented by Captain Dunne, was tested in Scotland, one flight covering a distance of 12 miles.

The Canadian House of Commons has passed a Loan Bill of £2,000,000 for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Herren Brunbuber and Schmitz, German explorers, who were going to Thibet, have been murdered in Yunan, China.

Nationalists from Resht, in Northern Persia, entered Kasvin, and defeated the Governor and the garrison.

Lieutenant Shackleton has handed over to the Commonwealth the notes of the meteorological observations taken in the Antarctic.

Mr. H. A. Hunt regards the information compiled by the expedition as of extremely high value.

At the opening of the Dubbo show the Premier referred to the importance of a rural population and the necessity for more people.

Mr. Wade also said he had found that the burdens of three Government departments meant a great strain.

Unless there was a readjustment of the work of these offices he feared that his health would break down.

The Presbyterian General Assembly has conferred upon the Rev. R. G. Macintyre the professorship of Systematic Theology and Apologetics.

The jury at Albury returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Harry Holland, charged with sedition. He was remanded for sentence.

Walter Stokes, found guilty of riot and unlawful assembly at Broken Hill, was sentenced to three years in Bathurst Gaol.

John May, who was also found guilty of riot and unlawful assembly, was sentenced to two years in Goulburn Gaol.

The industrial position at Broken Hill has not improved.

A mass meeting emphasised that there must be full recognition of unionism, and that no leaders should be penalised.

Business people are very uneasy over the attitude of the unions concerning the resumption of work.

They freely state that the mining companies will not give way on the two points raised since the High Court's decision.

The wharf labourers at Port Pirie have decided not to work coke ships at the Proprietary Company's works until the dispute is settled.

The Chief Commissioner for Railways has rejected the proposal that the Government should take over the tramline from Toronto to Passifern.

A deputation to the Minister for Works urged that the Balmain suburbs should be connected by tram through Leichhardt with Petersham and Marrickville.

Mr. Lee could not say whether any new tramlines would be constructed, but he would submit the proposal to the Cabinet.

The Public Works Committee took evidence on the proposal to construct a line of tramway from Bomaderry to Jervis Bay.

It was stated that there was any quantity of timber suitable for mining purposes between Nowra and Jervis Bay.

Evidence was also taken respecting the proposed railways from Moree to Mungindi and from Bega to Eden.

Bishop Mercer strongly supports the Tasmanian system of religious teaching in the Public schools.

They had, he said, gained a compromise which secured a minimum of friction with a maximum of efficiency.

The team of "Soccer" footballers from Western Australia arrived yesterday, and were formally welcomed at the Sports Club.

A deputation from the A.N.A. laid before the Minister for Defence the resolutions on defence passed at the annual conference.

Senator Pearce stated that the principles of many of them were already being put into effect.

He emphasised the fact that the Australian navy would co-operate with the British navy in time of war.

The Federal Attorney-General views with indifference the movement for the fusion of the various sections of the Opposition.

He says he fails to see how men holding such divergent views as Mr. Deakin and Mr. Cook can possibly come together.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, Joseph Robert Kerr, night officer at Marrickville railway station, was charged with stealing £30.

On the application of the police a remand was granted until May 14. Kerr was allowed bail.

Sergeant McKenna, of Bendigo, who has been very active in the crusade against illicit gold-dealing, has returned from a visit to Sydney.

He declares that gold can be illegally obtained in Victoria and disposed of with comparative ease in New South Wales.

The Presbyterian General Assembly last night devoted its attention to home missions. St. Stephen's Church being crowded.

At the declaration of the poll for Franklin, the Premier of Tasmania said he was perfectly satisfied with the Hare system of voting.

On the whole, remarked Captain Evans, it was a much improved way of getting at the will of the people.

Nearly 49,000 sheep and lambs and 1255 cattle were marketed at Homebush yesterday.

Values improved fully 6d per head for sheep in the morning, but weakened later.

Lambs moved in buyers' favour, and cattle weakened 5s to 10s per head as sales progressed.

The Stock and Share market was fairly buoyant yesterday, there being an increased business in copper and silver shares at firm rates.

Gold stocks were rather quiet, but tin shares came into better notice.

Weather forecast:—Unsettled, with some showers in southern portions, chiefly fine in the north and on the coast. Cool and squally westerly winds.

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CHAPTER XXV.—Continued.

"I must try and find someone else to earn my money," he said.

"If it's a case of love, or a runaway wife, I hope you'll succeed, for you're as proper a man as I've seen this many a day," a piece of flattery which brought a smile to Dubuisson's face, but had no power to fetch a guinea from his pocket.

He found Baxter mounted and waiting for him at the entrance to the village. Baxter pointed to the inn and laughed.

"Old John is enjoying himself. How did his wife behave?"

"She knows nothing. We had better make inquiries in the village."

"There is no need."

"I believe the woman told me the truth," said Dubuisson, and he related what had happened.

"I stick by old John," said Baxter as they went at walking pace through the village. "Yesterday, he says, a man rode up and had a long talk to his wife. John was in the garden, but he is not such a fool as his wife thinks him, and is quite willing to get the better of her as Matt Dawson said. He came into the house by the back way and overheard the conversation. Two ladies were to be brought here in a coach, one lady was running away from her husband, was flying from a ball, and was coming here to change her dress. She was coming a roundabout way to avoid pursuit, but she was going to join the Exeter road; and this road, Dubuisson, does presently join the Exeter road. Old John says that the coach has not arrived yet, but since his wife sent him to a farm two miler away this morning, and, moreover, gave him sixpence drink-money, his mistake is explained. Mark me, they will stick to the main road as much as possible now, avoiding the towns probably. We shall catch them before they reach Exeter, or be there ready to receive them."

"Evertsen is clever," said Dubuisson. "Exeter is on Lady Betty's way home. It is the last direction one would expect him to take her."

"And it could not have been Evertsen who came to make the arrangements," said Baxter. "He was too busy hunting for you yesterday. Old John, in fact, knows nothing about Evertsen, but his wife originally came from Devon. There may be a clue in that which we may come across presently."

"Was his wife ever a servant at Lady Ridley's?"

"Yes, and lost her place by reason of the length and insolence of her tongue. Old John was very communicative and well earned the crown I gave him. There must be some very strong reason why his wife, with her greed for money, did not tell a victim to your golden colony."

"She doesn't puzzle me as much as Evertsen does."

Without further delay they made for the Exeter-road, and changed horses at the first opportunity. The mail had just rattled through the High-street, and come to a stand still before the inn. Dubuisson inquired about the coach of the guard, but it was a passenger who gave the information.

"With two ladies inside, sir! Yes, but no man, I fancy. There was a man beside the driver, a footman, I should say. The driver was a splendid whip; it was his handling of the ribbons which made me notice the coach. I warrant he's driven long distances for wagers before now, and perhaps broken his fortune at the game. He was no ordinary coachman."

Dubuisson thanked him, and wondered whether Evertsen were driving the coach himself.

With good horses under them they travelled rapidly, and marvelled at the skill of the driver when they became certain that the coach was still some distance ahead of them. They heard of it from a mounted messenger, who was riding post haste to London with news of rioting beyond Exeter. The horses appeared fresh, he told them.

Evening had come when they cantered through a belt of wood and came out upon a common, across which the road swept in a quarter circle to woods on the other side. It was dark, with a promise of moonlight presently.

"Hallo, my beauty!" cried Baxter, suddenly, as his horse shied so unexpectedly as nearly to unseat him.

"Here, hold my bridle," said Dubuisson, as Baxter steadied his animal. "There has been an accident."

He was out of the saddle in a moment, and bending down to look at two horses fallen upon the road.

"Dead!" he exclaimed. "This one shot, I think. I can feel the hole between the eyes."

"Harness on them?"

"No, nothing." And then Dubuisson's foot struck something that gave out a sharp metallic sound. "A stirrup with a broken strap."

"Then these poor brutes can't concern us," said Baxter. "If two of the coach horses had gone down we might have come up with Lady Betty before midnight."

"Highwaymen, Baxter, how about highwaymen?" said Dubuisson as he mounted again.

"Less dangerous without their horses than with them," Baxter answered. "But we'll keep a sharp eye on the road. They might think ours worth a struggle."

They cantered down the incline into the woods on the other side of the common, down which the coach had passed not very long ago; and half a mile further saw dim lights through the trees.

"If it's an inn," said Baxter, "I call a halt for my horse's sake as well as my own."

"It's lonely enough to serve as a retreat for our horseless highwaymen," said Dubuisson, as they came up to it.

"If they are unpleasant we can pose as gentlemen of the road, too. Can you look after the horses?" Baxter called to a man who appeared in the doorway. "We shall want them again in an hour."

As they entered the parlour two men turned from the fire, blazing on a wide hearth, to look at them. One was a tall, loose-limbed man with little appearance of a highwayman about him; the other was Walter Evertsen.

CHAPTER XXVI.

ALL IS FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR.

For the man who has almost achieved success yet just failed at the last moment there must always be a particular bitterness. Since fortune and good luck bring him to the supreme moment, he must feel that the reason for failure rests with him, and as a rule, when it is too late, he will not find it very difficult to understand the reason if he chooses to be honest with himself. This was Walter Evertsen's case. Fortune had favoured him in a truly remarkable manner. On returning to Almacks last night, after walking with his friend to hear the important news concerning Dubuisson, he found that Lady Betty had left suddenly and unexpectedly in the interval. A lady who was just coming out to her coach stopped to scold him for not being there to dance with her, and since she was with Lady Launesley when Betty's message was delivered she was able to give him particulars.

"I think it is quite curious," she said. "Even if the Duchess is ill, why should she send for Lady Betty Walmsley? Perhaps we are in for a mystery to-morrow, Mr. Evertsen."

Then a porter at Almacks declared that the carriage in which Lady Betty had left was not the Duchess of Petersham's, which he knew well; and as though fortune were determined to heap favours upon him, as he hurried into St. James's-street, he met a friend who had been at Petersham House all the evening. The Duchess was perfectly well, had spoke of Lady Betty, but had certainly never sent to Almacks for her. Evertsen immediately hastened to his lodging, calling on a friend, who was always ready to do him a service, on the way, and together they were in pursuit of Lady Betty's coach an hour before Dubuisson and Baxter had left the inn by Tyburn turnpike. Evertsen did not doubt for a moment that Dubuisson had run away with Lady Betty, possibly with her consent; he was fully persuaded also that Dubuisson was a spy, even if he were not concerned in the attempt on the Regent's life, and persuaded himself that Lady Betty's rescue from an undoubted scoundrel was the thought uppermost in his mind. The process of reasoning which made him follow Exeter mail-coach road out of London he would have found difficult to explain; possibly the fact that Lady Betty had already bidden Dubuisson at Abbots Chase had something to do with it. Fortune again helped him. At an hostelry some eight miles out of London he had news of a coach. He jumped to the conclusion that it was Lady Betty's, and went on perfectly satisfied. Twice during the following day he got news of a coach, once at least it probably was Lady Betty's. A man by the roadside spoke of furious driving, and mentioned that the coach had come from a side road, and might purposely have avoided a town a couple of miles back. Evertsen was quite aware, therefore, that by keeping to the main road he might very likely get in front of the fugitives, and, having lost all trace of them, he came to the conclusion that he had done so when towards evening he and his companion came out upon the piece of common across which the road swept in a quarter circle. If he were right, the coach could hardly avoid this piece of the road, and so they waited. So good luck had attended him, and then, in his excitement, he had become careless. As the coach came into view, he called to his companion, and they dashed after it, never calculating upon so sudden and determined a resistance from the coachman. By the time Evertsen had picked himself up and realised what had happened the coach had disappeared into the woods. Neither of them was really hurt, although Evertsen's companion had had the wind knocked out of him by his fall, and stood in a doubled-up position for a few moments. There was nothing for it but to take their saddles and bridles, walk on to the next inn, and try and procure other horses. They had just learnt from the landlord that horses were not to be had that night for love or money, when Victor Dubuisson and Finley Baxter entered.

Evertsen made one step forward as though he doubted whether he had seen the strangers clearly.

"By Gad, Pellant, we haven't failed after all!" he exclaimed, flinging out his arm towards his companion. "This is the man."

The loose-limbed friend jerked himself into a position of attention, but did not speak.

"Where is Lady Betty?" Evertsen demanded.

"I have ridden out of London to put that question to you," Dubuisson answered.

(To be continued.)

DEFENCE.

A.N.A. DEPUTATION TO MINISTER.

Mr. G. H. Reid, M.P., yesterday introduced to the Minister for Defence, Senator Pearce, a deputation from the Australian Natives' Association of New South Wales, which laid before him the resolutions in regard to defence that had been agreed to at the annual conferences of the association in 1908 and 1909.

Mr. Reid in introducing the deputation remarked that his doing so must not be taken as indicating that he committed himself to all the views to be expressed by the speakers. Still, he had looked through the annual report of the association, and he would probably be found in agreement with a very large number of their ideas on the subject of defence. He also mentioned that while reserving his views on certain controversial matters for another place he could express the opinion that the Government's defence scheme as outlined in the papers that morning showed a distinct advance on that put forward by the previous Government.

The Minister, after hearing the resolutions explained, stated that the principles of many of them were already being put into effect. Referring to the navy question, he said there was an idea in some quarters that the attempt to create an Australian navy had behind it the idea of "cutting the painter" at some time. That was absurd. He emphasised the fact that the Australian navy would co-operate with the British navy in time of war—in fact, it would inevitably come under the orders of the senior British officer on the station. That had been made perfectly clear to the Imperial Government. Touching on the matter of dry docks, he said this had come up in a tangible way recently, when Western Australia, after deciding on a site for a dock, its dimensions, and other details, approached the Federal Government with a request for assistance to pay for it. The Federal Government took the view that if the dock was to be of naval value it must have naval advice upon it, and the officer it sent to report absolutely condemned the site chosen. The Government thereupon notified Western Australia that if the dock were built on a safe site it would co-operate in the building of it. The Federal Government accepted the view that it should co-operate in building naval docks; but it logically followed that it must be consulted as to where the docks were to be placed. The extension of the cadet system was already in hand, and the naval regulations were being also extended to provide for junior naval cadets. The Government were trying to have physical culture made part of the curriculum of the State schools, and a conference in regard to that was shortly to be held in Melbourne. It was proposed to provide all State schools with miniature rifles and ranges instead of taking the junior cadets on to the ordinary ranges, and the Federal Government were going to supply instructors for the teachers in the training colleges. The association had proposed a land tax without exemption to raise funds for defence, but he, while not needing to express his views on a land tax, objected to ear-marking the proceeds of any particular tax, because there was the danger of creating in the community a class of people who felt they were being taxed for a particular purpose.

BOGGABRI-MANILLA RAILWAY.

DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER.

Mr. Collins, M.L.A., introduced a deputation yesterday from the Boggabri and Manilla Railway League to the Minister for Works, Mr. Lee. It asked for the construction of a railway line from Manilla to Boggabri, which might ultimately be part of a line running from Gilgandra to Boggabri, via Coonabarabran, and thence to Manilla. In this way the Western and Southern railway systems would be connected up with the North-western and Northern. It was urged that a starving stock could be brought down to New England by the proposed line quicker than by any other. The line would pass through and open up a greater area of wheat land than any other line that could be suggested, and would in a short time be self-supporting. The land was used at present only for grazing, because it was too far to send produce to the nearest railway line, but nearly all of it was suitable for closer settlement. A good supply of water could be got all over it by well-boring, at a depth of from 30ft to about 150ft. Sleepers and girders for the line could be got within a few miles of it for most of the distance.

Mr. Lee said that the question was an enormously large one. This matter of cross-country railway connection, in which he thoroughly believed, involved six possible routes. The time had certainly arrived when a connecting line should be built, but he could not submit this particular proposal to the Works Committee because he did not yet know where would be the starting or terminal points of the connecting line. He was compelled to submit one route only, but no matter what route he submitted the committee would inquire into every one of the routes. He knew there was good country between Boggabri and Manilla, but only about 18 miles in the centre of it was not served by a railway line. But the information with which the deputation had furnished him would be valuable in assisting him to come to a conclusion.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

BOMADERRY TO JERVIS BAY TRAMWAY.

The committee further considered the expediency of constructing a line of tramway from Bomaderry to Jervis Bay. Mr. Walter Evans, manager of the Corrimal Balgownie Coke Works, Unanderra, said the output of his company's coal mine was about 850 tons per day. He gave evidence in regard to the supply of timber for the South Coast mines which were suffering disability through not being able to get sufficient timber. There was any quantity of timber suitable for mining purposes between Nowra and Jervis Bay. At present timber cost the mines 3½d per ton; and as the mines were going further in greater supplies would be required. The coal deposits in the district would, at the present output, last for 75 years. There was a certain amount of local timber, but it was fast being depleted, and it was only a matter of time when there would be practically no mining timber about the local ranges, and they would have to look to the south for supplies. If all the pit timber required was brought from Jervis Bay, he estimated that the revenue to the railway department would be about £3000 per annum. Sawn-timber, girders, etc., would augment this considerably. There were 11 mines on the South Coast, all requiring a regular supply of pit timber, and in the aggregate they would use about 45,000 tons per annum, exclusive of saws timber and railway sleepers, at a cost of between £38,000 and £29,000.

The inquiry was adjourned.

MOREE TO MUNGUNDI RAILWAY.

Further evidence was given respecting this proposed railway. Mr. E. S. Vautin, draftsman in charge, compiling division, Department of Lands, gave statistical information respecting the area proposed to be served by the railway. The alienated land comprises 237,560 acres, conditional purchases 240,400 acres, and reserves 249,000 acres. Of 28,300 acres of untenanted Crown land 7800 acres had been applied for as settlement leases. The soil was generally good black and brown, suitable for grazing, fattening, and breeding. The average annual rainfall was about 21½ inches.

Mr. R. M. Mitchell, compiler, Bureau of Statistics, gave statistics of crops, cattle, sheep, etc., of the district which the proposed railway will serve, also the population of each township.

The inquiry was adjourned.

BEGA TO EDEN RAILWAY.

Mr. E. S. Vautin, Draftsman-in-Charge, compiling division, Department of Lands, gave further evidence regarding the character of the country to be traversed by the proposed railway from Bega to Eden.

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ROYAL SOCIETY.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Society of New South Wales was held on Wednesday evening in the Royal Society's House, Elizabeth-street. There was a fair attendance of members, and the retiring president, Mr. W. M. Hamlet, F.I.C., F.C.S., was in the chair.

The financial statement showed that satisfactory financial progress had been made during the year. Much of the expense incurred had been exceptional, so that it was hoped next year further to reduce the society's indebtedness.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. H. D. Walsh; vice-presidents, Dr. F. H. Quaife, Mr. Henry Deane, Dr. Walter Spencer, and Mr. W. M. Hamlet; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Carmen; hon. secretaries, Messrs J. H. Maiden and F. B. Guthrie.

Mr. Hamlet then delivered his presidential address.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The work of the Royal Society is sharply divided into two divisions—First, contributions to original research; and, secondly, the delivery of popular science lectures, whereby the net results of scientific activity are put into commendably plain speech within the comprehension and understanding of ordinary people.

May I put before you some of the work now engaging the study and attention of some of our workers in New South Wales?

It is the work of men in the very forefront of the battle, valiantly fighting on the frontier of the limitless country of the unknown, and the victories gained are chiefly due to the advance made in physics and physical methods. We find this permeating in all branches of scientific work. Even in the most superficial survey of modern physiological literature it is at once apparent that physics and chemistry underlie the whole of the work. It has now become the practice to speak of the fusion of chemistry with physiology by the simple term bio-chemistry, and the University of Sydney reports good work done in this subject. Dr. Chapman has continued investigations on the gravimetric relations of the antitoxin and homologous proteins interacting in precipitin reactions. It has been shown that the weights of precipitum are directly proportional to the quantities of antiserum employed; that a certain weight of protein gives a maximal weight of precipitum from a definite quantity of antiserum; and that further increase in the weight of protein fails to increase the weight of precipitum from the same quantity of antiserum.

Further experiments on the action of brucine and strychnine on Hyla aurea have shown that while Hyla is strongly resistant to poisoning by strychnine, it is equally susceptible to poisoning by brucine.

Mr. E. C. Grey is at present engaged in the study of the lipoid bodies and their relationship to the fats. It is hoped incidentally to improve the methods for estimation and separation of these phosphatides, which at present are merely qualitative, inasmuch as Bang has shown that the methods of Bergell, Diakonow, and others are quite inadequate; moreover, although Erlandsen has pointed out the best way to obtain the greatest yield of phosphatives he cannot be said to have settled the question of the purification of even the simplest, namely, lecithin. At this moment examination is being made of the fatty radicle of brain lecithin, and the same method will be applied to phosphatides of other sources.

With Dr. Petrie, Dr. Champan has also isolated and estimated the hexone bases arginin, histidin, and lysin, present in the protein of egg-white. This is probably the first occasion that the hexone bases of a protein have been estimated in a British or colonial laboratory.

Dr. Petrie, the Linnean Macleay Fellow in bio-chemistry, working in the physiological laboratory of the University of Sydney, published last year the discovery of a new Solanaceous alkaloid, obtained from Solandra laevis, growing as an evergreen shrub in the Botanic Gardens. The new alkaloid belongs to the atropine group, and resembles hyoscine. It produces strong dilatation of the pupil, and is a powerful nerve and muscle poison. The name "solandrine" is proposed for this new substance.

Dr. Petrie has also published in the journal of the Linnean Society an historical summary of the literature on plant nitrogen, in which he traces the life-cycle of the compounds of nitrogen, and the part played by these in the metabolism of plants.

In the same journal is published the results of a number of experiments on the seeds, showing the proportion of the total nitrogen which actually exists as protein. It has been the custom to regard the nitrogen of ripe seeds as existing almost entirely as protein, whereas, his experiments show that as much as half the nitrogen may be present in non protein compounds.

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY.

During the year an important change has been made in the performance of microbiological work by the Government. Formerly there existed one well-equipped bacteriological laboratory associated with the Department of Public Health, and two or three other small imperfect ones in the Department of Agriculture. The reconstruction of the latter department involved proper provision for the performance of the microbiological and biochemical observations, which have now become an integral part of scientific agriculture. It was at first proposed to create a separate institution for this purpose, but having regard to the essential unity of the operations, even though designed to effect different ends, the Cabinet decided to make use of the plant and equipment already available in the microbiological laboratory of the Board of Health, and by enlarging the space and staff have converted it into a separate sub-department, under the designation of the Bureau of Microbiology, and charged it generally with the performance of the microbiological work of the Government. Its functions may be divided into ordinary business and research. In the former capacity the bureau is called upon to advise concerning microbiological specimens of all kinds submitted to or acquired by Government departments in the course of their ordinary work. The daily routine in this respect comprises, on the pathological side, the examination of specimens for evidence of such infectious diseases as diphtheria, typhoid, tuberculosis, and plague in human beings; swine fever, anthrax blackleg, and actinomycosis in the lower animals; of parasites, of tumours, and of diseased tissues generally; on the agricultural side the examination of samples of milk, cream, butter, and cheese, of water and soils, of fruits and plants affected with mildews, spots, smuts, rusts, rots, or blights, for which various fungi are responsible. The research work covers the fields of human, animal, and plant pathology, the microbiology of soils, crops, and farm products; of the dairy, butter and cheese factory, and generally of the production and distribution of foods; of the fermentation industries. The exploration of the parasite fauna and flora of domestic animals and of plants; the distribution of cultures of lactic acid bacteria for dietetic and dairy purposes; the investigation of nitrifying bacteria and those of the root nodules of leguminosae in their relationship to agriculture, and the preparation of therapeutic vaccines may be mentioned as indicative of the lines of research now receiving attention.

I think you will agree that its scope suffices to show that the newly-created bureau is designed to perform services from which not only the State, but the scientific world at large, may prospectively benefit.

PERSISTENT TYPHOID.

In recent work in bacteriological investigations perhaps the most startling discovery of the last few months has been that of the presence of the bacillus typhosus in the urine of persons who have once suffered from typhoid fever. The patients may be convalescent, or may have apparently completely recovered, but they still go on spreading enteric fever in the most mysterious manner through their excreta. They therefore become dangerous agents in the propagation of this malady, and are now regarded as "typhoid carriers," unconsciously spreading the disease and probably becoming the primary cause of many new epidemic and endemic outbreaks of typhoid. Recent investigations show that about 4 per cent. of convalescent cases become chronic carriers. Up to the present a practical method of treating these chronic carriers has not been devised, and some bacteriologists believe that "once a carrier always a carrier." The matter has not escaped the attention of our authorities in this country, and full investigation is promised, so that means of fighting this dread scourge may soon be forthcoming.

NATURAL HISTORY.

Turning to contemporary work in Natural History, I note that the new wing of the Australian Museum is on the point of completion. This will provide two magnificent galleries, a lecture theatre, and additional workrooms.

The Linnean Society of New South Wales continues its successful career. The magnificent bequests of Sir William Macleay enabled it to appoint another research fellow in the person of Mr. Leo. Cotton, late of the Antarctic Expedition. Three fellows and a bacteriologist are now maintained in constant and continuous research.

In zoology our member, Mr. Chas. Hedley, has completed and published a memoir on the deep-sea mollusca of Tasmania, in conjunction with the local naturalist, Mr. W. L. May. No deep dredging had previously been attempted in these waters, and the work of these gentlemen has considerably enlarged the known fauna.

The mollusca of the Great Barrier Reef have been the subject of Mr. Hedley's continued study, and another memoir on these tropical shells approaches completion.

During the year several important papers on certain archaic forms of fresh-water crustacea from Tasmania have appeared from the pen of Mr. Geoffrey Smith, an Oxford biologist, who visited Tasmania to procure his material. At the present time when public attention is concentrated on Antarctic problems, it is interesting to remark that Mr. Smith finds in these ancient shrimps new and convincing arguments for a former extension of Antarctica to Tasmania.

In this he is supported by Mr. E. J. Goddard, a brilliant pupil of Professor Haswell, who during the past year has published a series of articles on fresh-water worms discovered by him on the mountains of Tasmania.

An important monograph of the Archaeocythinae has been completed by Mr. J. Griffith Taylor, of Sydney, but now in residence at Cambridge, England. These ancient fossils of obscure affinities form extensive "coral reefs" in the Cambrian deposits of South Central Australia. In the heart of Australia occur the greatest paleozoic reefs in the world, while the greatest of modern reefs extend along the shore.

Dr. Johnstone Stoney aptly tells us that "a theory means a supposition that we hope to be true." Such a theory is that advanced by Mr. Hedley regarding the marsupial fauna of Australia having travelled from its place of origin in the northern hemisphere through South America and the radial prolongations of South America and the radial prolongations of a lost Antarctic continent into Tasmania and Australia, Tasmania being regarded as structurally and historically a part of the great Australian continent.

RECENT PHYSICS.

And what shall we say of that royal kingdom of science we call physics, that is now silently but surely penetrating, if not capturing, all other divisions in the realm of nature, and whose extraordinary discoveries surpass everything known in the past, fusing itself with chemistry into so intimate a relationship that one can hardly say whether physical chemistry shall henceforth stand as a separate science or be relegated as a more continuation or refined sublimate of physics?

Indeed, the ideas of last year prepare us for the discoveries of this year, for the germ found a few months ago multiplies with such vigour and fecundity that it is in potentia the actuality of to-day.

The omnipresent bacillus is even surpassed by the mobile and ubiquitous ion—an entity in itself—that engrosses so much attention as to command a journal published for its sole discussion. The ion enters into commerce, and is harnessed up already in many industries, for I hear of the use of the silver ion as a means of sterilising doubtful drinking water.

New systems of thought and procedure are evolving fresh ideas that revolutionise our conceptions of matter, for present-day research goes to the very foundation of things, and profoundly modifies our notions of matter.

Perhaps the most remarkable discovery in physics during the year is the accumulated and convincing evidence that the particles of radioactive things is an atom of helium, and this point is of fundamental importance in the theory of atomic disintegration, and may be considered as now finally settled. Professor Pollock is in keen pursuit of the interesting problems of the ionisation of the air, and has, with his colleagues, contributed several papers to the society on this subject during the year, as well as contributing some interesting exhibits of experiments in radio-activity at the Royal Society's conversations.

OUR TIMBERS.

The Challis professor of engineering, Professor Warren, has been doing valuable work amid the inconvenience and difficulties of rebuilding and remodelling his laboratories and testing rooms. His work on timber testing is especially interesting, including, as it does, the relation of strength to percentages of moisture, tensile, shearing strength, and elasticity, resistance to suddenly applied loads, resistancy to splitting, and hardness.

The great importance of our timber supplies is evident when it is computed that the value of timber in America exceeds the combined value of their output of both iron and steel. Timber, he says, represents great sums of money, and it is clearly the duty of our State to conserve our forests for our own use and for our descendants, more especially as timber, compared with structural steel as a building material, has greatly increased in importance.

With timber and forestry is closely associated that ancient industry, agriculture, in which chemistry is more than ever identified. So pronounced is this fact that our Department of Agriculture cannot well dispense with it, and a well-equipped laboratory and scientific staff are presided over by our agricultural chemist, Mr. F. R. Guthrie, F.I.C., F.C.S., who, in addition to the ordinary routine work of analysing soils, fertilisers, and agricultural products, reports the following special investigations.—The chemical examination of different grasses cultivated with the special object of determining any alteration of composition due to differences in soil and climate.

The study of the effect upon the retention of water in the soil at varying depths, and methods of soil treatment.

The effect of alkaline bore water on the land.

Investigations on the nature of different varieties of grain, particularly in respect to their milling qualities and the nature of the flour produced.

In eucalyptology Mr. Henry G. Smith, F.C.S., of the Technological Museum, in a paper before its society, showed that the elastic substance of the young shoots of certain species of eucalyptus and angophora was caoutchouc. By the action of light and air this rapidly changes into a white powdery substance, the nature of which is at present undetermined. The white glaucous appearance of the young shoots of certain eucalypts was, at the same time, shown to be due to the presence of a vegetable wax. The phytochemical investigations of the pines of Australia carried out in conjunction with Mr. R. T. Baker, the curator, are now practically completed, and will be published during the present year. This work has now extended over a period of ten years, and embraces practically the whole of the pines of the continent, including those of Tasmania. Several new facts in connection with the coniferae have been brought to light. The sesquiterpene alcohol guaiol has been isolated from the timber of the callitris, where it occurs together with a new phenol (callitrol). It is probable that this latter substance is the one which is objectionable to white ants. It is hoped that eventually the structure of the molecule of this substance will be determined, so that its synthesis may be established. It might be expected to act as a protection to other timbers against these pests. Other chemical substances new to science were also found occurring naturally in the Australian pines. These are to be described in forthcoming publications. The study of the phytochemical work in connection with the eucalypts and the melaleucas has been continued during the year, the results of which will eventually be submitted to the society.

BOTANY.

In that singularly charming and beautiful branch of science, botany, I am glad to say Mr. J. H. Maiden, the Government Botanist, has completed a work of vast magnitude, namely, the permanent establishment of a national herbarium, housed, classified, protected from ravaging insects, at the somewhat small and little-known botanical museum. Mr. Maiden is engaged on the great work of his life—the critical revision of the genus eucalyptus. He has completed his life of the father of Australia, Sir Joseph Banks, and amid his many duties is ever doing the good work of beautifying the city of Sydney, and maintaining and jealously guarding our open spaces, so that generations to come shall not be deprived of their full percentage of oxygen; and still more nobly contends for what, unless cared for in time, will soon become a lost heritage—our forests and our economic timber supply—a responsibility that rests very lightly on the consciences of those immediately concerned in their preservation.

Mr. Maiden tells me that there have been added to the National Herbarium during the past year large numbers of plants in all the sections to which it is divided. Details are given in the annual report of the Botanic Gardens. His magnum opus, the "Critical Revision of the Genus Eucalyptus," has now reached the tenth part (with 48 plates), completing the first volume. His "Forest Flora of New South Wales" has now reached the 34th part, with 120 original lithographic plates, and a very large number of photographic illustrations; while a second part of "Illustrations of New South Wales Plants not Previously Depicted" has also appeared.

AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION.

One event of the year of no mean magnitude has been the coming of age of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, which 21 years ago was founded in this city in those very rooms by Professor Liversidge, who was its first general secretary, and whose mantle has fittingly fallen on Mr. J. H. Maiden. Our memories go back to the preliminary meetings 21 years ago, when a band of earnest science workers, including Dr. George Bennett, Sir Alfred Roberts, Sir Edward Strickland, Dr. Howitt, Mr. Mann, Mr. Russell, Professor Stephens, Captain Brett, C. S. Wilkinson, Mr. Montefiore, and the Baron von Muller, and a number of those still living, were instrumental in its foundation.

At the meeting of the association in Brisbane last January, some illuminating and suggestive addresses were given on the electronic theory of matter which now pervades the domains of chemistry and physics, to the greater elucidation of those foundational principles of affinity and chemical actions.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORSHIP ENDOWMENT.

The report on the Theological Professorship Endowment Fund (Rev. R. G. Macintyre, convener), among other things set out:—

The state of the fund is as follows:—Since the initiation of the fund in May, 1906, up to 31st December, 1908, £8827 have been promised, and for this year (1909), up to 31st March, additional sums amounting to £2024, making the total promises £10,851. The sum about £2700 has been obtained directly by the convener, the balance through visitation of parishes by deiegates. In all, 42 parishes have been visited up to the end of 1908. While your committee, however, think it right to report the total amount of promises, they do not think it advisable that calculations for the future should be based altogether upon promises, for most of these extend over two or even three years, and all such promises are distinctly understood to be subject to circumstances in the future permitting the promises to be made good. The actual amount at credit to the fund at 31st December, 1908, was £7427. This is after paying all charges upon the fund, including salary and working expenses. Since the close of last year and up to 31st March, 1909, further sums amounting to £830 have been received, making the balance at credit at 31st March, 1909, £8257 (inclusive of about £1700 belonging to the old fund). To this sum, however, has to be added a sum of £1000 not actually paid, but upon which interest at the rate of 5 per cent. is being paid. Thus the total sum available for income at 31st March, 1909, would be £9257.

The Rev. J. K. Bruce moved,—

That in view of the report of the Committee on the Theological Professorship Endowment Fund, a professorship to include the subjects of Exegetical Theology of the New Testament, and Historical Theology, be established as from January, 1910. That the salary attached to the Chair be for the first year £500 per annum. That nominations be taken in open Court, and the election be by ballot at the time of the ballot for the Standing Committees.

The Rev. J. Edwards seconded the motion.

At the suggestion of the Rev. John Ferguson, the mover amended his motion, as follows, and it was carried:—

That the establishment of a third chair in the Theological Hall be remitted to a representative committee of the Church to consider the subjects to be allotted to the Chair, and the amount of stipend to be paid, and the date of the appointment, and to report to the Assembly on Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

COMMITTEE OF STATISTICS.

It was stated in the report of the committee of statistics (Rev. D. M. Currie, convener) that 17 charges failed to send in returns for 1907; and 45 had not yet sent in returns for 1908. The increase in the number of churches (29) was the largest on record. The nearest approach to it was in 1906, when the increase was 19. But there was an addition to the decrease in churches; and the insurances had also increased. The congregations had a splendid equipment of property. Some of them, of course, were encumbered by debt. The Church was steadily increasing its outposts, and it was gratifying to note the large number of students who had the ministry in view. The branches of the Women's Missionary Association had increased by 40. The organisation was advancing by leaps and bounds, and it spoke well for the growing interest of the Church in missionary work. The increase in communicants was satisfactory, but Government statistics showed how much had yet to be done to get into touch with every Presbyterian in the State. The fellowship associations showed a substantial increase. But there was rather a serious falling-off in the temperance organisations. The Church was gradually overtaking the work of giving instruction in Public schools. There was also an increase of 57 in the number of schools instructed. This year the increase had been 40.

A resolution was passed expressing satisfaction with the general progress of the Church, as revealed in the statistics; commending to the prayerful consideration of all ministers and office-bearers those parts of the report which indicate stagnation or decline, such, e.g., as church attendance, prayer meeting attendance, Sabbath-school attendance; and urging all minister and office-bearers to make their returns as complete and as accurate as possible, and to send them in promptly.

COLLEGIATE CHARGES.

An overture proposing the following regulations was sustained and sent on to the Presbytery for report:—

That a congregation desiring two ministers in joint charge of a parish may petition the general assembly through the presbytery of the bounds to grant leave for the formation of a dual pastorate, that such petition shall set forth the conditions necessitating the creation of a dual pastorate, the stipend to be paid to each minister, and other proposed arrangements.

That such charge shall receive from the sustentation fund only one dividend, which shall be paid to each minister in equal proportion.

That in case of retiral of one of the ministers under the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, the arrangements as regards the proportion of house rent to be paid to such minister shall be determined by the general assembly on the recommendation of the presbytery when such petition is being dealt with.

That the minister first inducted into the parish shall be trustee under the Church Property Acts.

That at meetings of session the ministers shall preside alternately or as may be mutually arranged, the minister not presiding to sit as an ordinary member of the session.

HOME MISSIONS.

The report of the Home Mission committee for 1908-9 contained the following statement:—

One matter has been pressing its urgent importance on us, and that is the clamant need of an organising agent, or more than one, to devote their whole time and energy to the development of our operations. During the past year this has repeatedly been made apparent. There have been critical periods in the history of some of our stations when the visit of such an agent for a week, or a month or more, would have been of untold value. We are not disparaging our ordinary agents in saying that they would have been materially helped by the experience of a man who made Home Mission work his speciality. Our men are doing admirably well, and their hearts are in their work, but they would often be saved much trouble and disappointment by wise counsel given at the fitting moment. We have endeavoured to meet these emergencies as best we could. The convener has attempted a little in this direction; the secretary has several times, at much inconvenience, paid flying visits to distant centres; and other members of the committee have given willing assistance when called upon. But all that could be done in this way is utterly inadequate. The last General Assembly instructed the committee to give further consideration to the scheme which was then submitted for the appointment of an organising agent. This has been done, with the result that, while we have made some little modifications in detail, we adhere strenuously to the general principle, and recommend that, with as little delay as possible, one minister should be set apart for this particular work, and a second at no distant date.

Mr. Wood (financial secretary), supporting the motion for the adoption of the report, said that when he first took part in the work of the Church there were 96 charges. Now there were 180. There used to be only 404 preaching centres. Now there were 1273. They now had a fund of £24,500, from which they got interest to pay out in grants to "way-out" districts, where numerous difficulties presented themselves. The Church had to find the man to solve the difficulties mentioned in the report. He would have to be forceable and resourceful, and overthrow all barriers. Statistics showed that there were 160,503 Presbyterians in the State. Of that number only 79,328 were accounted for, leaving a balance of 81,175. It was the duty of the Church to seek them out, and provide for their spiritual needs. (Applause.)

The report was adopted, and the house adjourned till the following day.

FRUIT MARKET HOURS.

The employees of Belmore fruit market have formed an association, to be called the Belmore Markets Employees' Association. The following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. H. Ewen; committee, Messrs. H. Ewen, E. Mitchell, Turnbull, A. O. Small, and R. Healy; hon. sec., Mr. P. Mullin. Mr. H. Ewen explained that the object of the association was to act in conjunction with the employers in endeavouring to make the opening hour a couple of hours later than at present, there being practically no fruit sold during the first two hours of a morning. It was decided that the committee should confer with the Fruitgrowers and Agents' Association. The fruit section of the market is at present open to the public 12 hours per day, commencing at 5 a.m.

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Knowing how means relief.
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2 high-class Ponies, 4yrs, 12hds, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness; also stylish Sulky and Harness, in splendid condition.

3 HIGH-CLASS TURNOUTS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,

Bay Gelding, 6yrs, fast trotter, 4-wheeled Dogcart, and Harness; Bay Gelding, 14.2, quiet and stylish, Hooded S.S. Buggy, and Harness; also Black Gelding, Sulky, and Harness.

SINGLE LORRY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,

Chestnut Draught Gelding, any trial; Single Lorry, and Harness, in good repair.

HIGH-CLASS WELL-BRED GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. MARSHALL and PERRY, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Bay Gelding, 5yrs, by St. George, by The Australian Peer, thoroughly broken to s., single and d. harness.

HEAVY DRAUGHT HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Goodwin to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Heavy Draught Black Gelding; any trial.

CARRIAGE HORSE, FROM BEGA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. P. F. O'Grady, Bega, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Bay Gelding, black points, 5 years, 16 hands, handsome and well built, quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, suit a Victoria, or make a grand match carriage horse.

HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Upstanding Bay Gelding, thoroughly staunch, any trial, suit a tradesman's cart.

S. AND H. HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mrs. Dunn to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

Brown Gelding, broken to saddle and harness.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. Linden, Canley Vale, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

LADY LANSDOWNE, bay mare, 7 years, by Zoraster from a mare by Pyalong. Fuller particulars at sale.

RACING PONY, FROM BOWRAL.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. McIlveen, Bowral, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Brown Gelding, 6 years, 14 hands, by Berry (son of Robinson (Truscw) from May Flower, by Sunrise, untried.

TWO BLOOD FILLIES, FROM BEMBOKA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. A. Wilson, Bemboka, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Brown Filly, 3 years, by Condor or Dorchester from Sundirt, by Sunrise, Piano and Hood, untried.

Also, Brown Filly, by Maori, dam by Gipsy King, a splendid jumper, cleared 5ft 6in in the maiden high jump.

SADDLE AND HARNESS PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. BELL and WHITE to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Black Pony Gelding, broken to saddle and harness.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS,

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,

AT 2 P.M. SHARP.

100 HEAD. 100 HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above,

On account of Mr. G. H. COOPER, trucked at St. Marys.

85 Useful Light Harness and Saddle Horses, all the right ages for work, broken in, ready for immediate use.

On account of Messrs. MARSHALL and PERRY, Nevertire.

25 First-class Horses, comprising principally really good Heavy and Medium Draughts, including a specially good Gelding, 5 yrs. old, and two or three specially good Light Horses, all 4 to 6 years old, in good condition, broken and unbroken.

Among the lot is a very superior Dapple Grey Buggy Gelding, 6 years old.

On account of Mr. THOS. JOHNSTON, Para Meadow.

2 Draught Horses, broken to shafts or lead, and also 1 Light Harness Mare, broken to saddle and harness, and a Pony Colt, unbroken, by CRAVAT, from a Bendigo mare, suitable for racing purposes.

On account of Mr. J. BROWN, The Willows, Mudgrave.

3 Good Active Van Horses, in splendid condition, staunch and good workers.

On account of Mr. D. FISHER, Pennant Hills.

Bay Filly, 3 years, 15 hands, by ALMONT B., broken to saddle and harness.

On account of Mr. P. A. PEARCE, Seven Hills.

2 Bay Fillies, 4 and 5 years old, broken to s.d. and h.r., sire by Sir Harold; 1 Light Draught Colt, 3 years, unbroken.

1 Hackney, 5 years old.

Also 5 Heavy and Medium Draughts, 4 to 6 yrs. old, broken in.

On account of OWNER.

Bay Filly, 4 years old, unbroken.

On account of Mr. A. JOHNSON, Wallsend.

3 Draught Horses, in splendid condition, thoroughly broken.

1 Bay Buggy Horse and Hackney, 1 Brown Hackney, 1 Chas. Sad. and Harness Horse.

On account of EXECUTORS late Sir JOHN HAY, Coolangatta.

11 Superior Horses, comprising 7 Light Harness and Saddle Horses (including Dark Bay Colt), all broken in; and 2 Draught Geldings. The whole consignment in splendid condition.

On account Mr. W. W. ARNETT, Bowral.

Chestnut Gelding, 6 years, broke to saddle and harness, suit a cab.

On account Mr. J. McLAUGHAN, Exeter Farm.

3 good Harness Horses, broken in.

On account of Mr. F. E. DOUGLAS, Liverpool.

Black Gelding, 15.2, broken to S. and D. har., suit an undertaker; Black Pony Gelding, 14 hands, by Far Niente, unbroken; also Chestnut Pony, 13 hands, by Don III.

On account of OWNER.

Brown Pony Mare, 13 hands; Roan Draught Gelding, also Bay Gelding, broken in.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

FOR PRIVATE SALE,

Just Arrived from New Zealand.

MELTON HALL, Brown Gelding, foaled 1901 (a winner over hurdles), by Strowan from Minnie.

MUSTO CLEMENTS, Bay Gelding, foaled 1902, by St. Clements from Waiona.

REX, Bay Gelding, foaled 1902, by Pipiwharauoa from Eureka.

Full particulars on application to

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON,
Blood Stock Salesmen,
244 Pitt-street.

HORSES, VEHICLES, HARNESS, ETC.

FENNELLY'S HORSE BAZAAR,
198 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 7th,
11.15 a.m. Sharp.

J. H. HALE has received instructions to sell by auction, 15 HORSES, comprising several Fresh Country Horses, also a few good Ponies, including one bred by Cliff; 4 Draught Horses, and several good Light Horses.

Also about 20 VEHICLES, comprising a Rubber-tyred Sulky and a Rubber-tyred Piano-box Buggy, built by Angus; several Buggies and Sulkies, Village Cart, Butcher's Retail Delivery Waggon, and other Vehicles, and about 12 Sets of Harness.

Account Mr. W. D. BRIGGS, Lane Cove.

Stylish Black Gelding, 15 hands high, suit a private gentleman; also a Sulky and Harness, complete.

Account BACCHUS MARSH CONCENTRATED MILK COMPANY, LIMITED.

A Heavy Draught Mare, described as being in splendid condition and very staunch.

TELEPHONE, 485 City.

TO-DAY, at 1.30, E. P. PEARCE will sell at Coat, Salaryards, Pymble, 1st-cl. Waggonette, with lift,

WINDSOR STOCK SALE,

TUESDAY,
18TH MAY,
AT 11.30 A.M.

J. R. JOHNSTON and CO. have been instructed to Sell, on account of F. McMAHON, Esq., GARRY OWEN,"

20 HEAD PRIME FATS,
15 HEAD SPRINGERS and COWS, with Young Calves at foot, from his Hunter River paddocks.

On Account of other Owners:—
MILCH COWS, SPRINGERS, FATS, and STORE CATTLE.

On Account of Messrs. Farlow, Ryan, Johnston, and Others:—
HEAVY and LIGHT HARNESS HORSES,

BLACKTOWN CATTLE SALE.
200 HEAD.
SATURDAY, 8th MAY, 1909, 1.15 p.m.

A. McILREE and CO. will sell by Public Auction, in their Blacktown Yards, 200 Mixed Cattle, comprising Backward and Forward Springers, Choice Dairy Heifers, 18 months to two years' old, Store Cows, and Mixed Young Cattle.

NOTE.—Cattle Waggons can be secured at two-third rates for short notice.

SALE STARTS PUNCTUALLY AT 1.15 P.M.

GEO. H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by Auc., This Day, at West Ryde, Showground, 10.30; Rides, 1.30 p.m.

PADDOCK SALES will be held TO-DAY, as under:—Showground, at 10.30 a.m.; Rides, at 1.30 p.m.

SECOND DAY'S SALE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,

7th MAY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

AT THE AUCTION ROOMS AND GALLERIES of

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
128 and 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

Under instructions from the Family of

THE LATE JOHN WETHERILL,

and

ON ACCOUNT OF NUMEROUS PRIVATE INTERESTS.

SUPERIOR FURNITURE

and

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
including
COMPLETE FURNISHINGS FOR DINING AND DRAWING ROOMS, ENTRANCE HALL, LIBRARY, AND SEVERAL WELL-APPOINTED BEDROOMS,
Also,
SEVERAL PIANOFORTES,
VALUABLE INSTRUMENTS, BY THE LEADING MAKERS.
THREE VERY FINE TONED VIOLINS, Ect., etc., etc.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FINE ART AUCTIONEERS.

BY ORDER OF THE MASTER IN EQUITY.
RE DOUGLAS v DOUGLAS.
IMPERATIVE SALE BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
7th MAY, AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON.

AT THE AUCTION ROOMS,
of
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

A COLLECTION OF CHINA ORNAMENTS
and
A VALUABLE OIL PAINTING, "Virginia," an original Work by Riedel.

☞ ON VIEW THIS DAY, FRIDAY, PRIOR TO SALE.

FURNITURE SALE.
On the Premises, 772 George-street, Haymarket.
THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING,
AT 11, AND ALL DAY.
MAGNIFICENT
RICH. LIPP PIANOFORTE,
A Beauty. NO RESERVE.
The Whole Furnishings of 3 LARGE HOUSES, including
3 Pianos, Drawing and Dining Suites, Sideboards, very good Walnut Sideboard, Walnut Bedroom Suite, Hall Stands, Pictures, Vases, Ornaments, Curtains, Secretoire B'case, Extension Table, Aust. Chairs, Bedroom Suites, Linen Press, Combinations, Ware, etc.
20 Beautiful Brass-rail Bedsteads, all sizes,
Children's Cots, Perambulators,
Glass, China, Crockery, E. P. Ware, Cutlery,
2 Singer S. Machines, and others in perfect order,
Kitchen Dressers, Tables, Safes, Hosts useful Utensils,
Enamel and Tin ware,
Any quantity Linoleum, 12 good s.h Carpets and Rugs
HERDEN BRODRIBB will sell, WITHOUT RESERVE.

MOSMAN.
On the Premises, 10 BOYLE-ST., near Mosman Bay Ferry
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 7th MAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
Sale of Household Furniture and Effects, comprising—
CANOPY SIDEBOARD,
CEDAR EXTENSION DINING TABLE,
DINING-ROOM SUITE IN LEATHER,
PICTURE, WATERCOLOUR, by "PROUT."
AUSTRIAN SUITE,
GILT PIER GLASS,
OAK HALLSTAND and TWO CHAIRS,
ROSEWOOD DRAWING-ROOM SUITE,
WALNUT PIANO and STOOL,
ENGLISH ASH BEDROOM SUITE,
ITALIAN BEDSTEADS and BEDDING,
COMB. CHESTS DRAWERS and M.T. WASHSTANDS,
Pictures, Mirrors, Ornaments, Carpets and Linos., Glassware, China, Cutlery, Dresser, Kitchen, and Laundry Utensils, etc, etc.

D. W. SOLOMONS, Auctioneer, Walker and Blue sts, North Sydney, has been instructed to sell as above.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 2 P.M.

VALUABLE PIANOFORTE by RICH. LIPP, Walnut Case, Extended Ends, Grand Condition.
SUPERIOR WELL-KEPT FURNITURE.
Carpets, Linos., Everything.
Architect's or Draughtsman's Table, with drawers, suit Builder's Office, etc.

ALL FOR AUCTION AT
"THURSO," SUMMER HILL STATION,
IN GROSVENOR CRESCENT, a few doors East of Station.
Private Gentry and the Trade Attend.
Inspection 1 p.m.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS,
AUCTIONEERS,
ACCOUNT OF MISS MURRAY.
IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 7th inst., at 10.30 a.m., and continuing all day, at 84 GEORGE-STREET WEST (near Harris-street Ferry Punt).
A Large and Most Useful Quantity of Dining, Drawing, and Bed room Furniture and Effects, removed from Summer Hill and Lilyfield; under instructions from Mrs. W. Gowe and Miss Murray.
The following are only a few of the items:—Sideboards, Wardrobes, Comb. Chests, Drawing-room Suite, Bookcase, Overmantels and other Washstands, Brass-mounted Bedsteads (different sizes), Bedding, Blankets, Quilts, Sheets, Cutlery, Crockery, Dining and Kitchen Tables, Linoleums, Carpets, Hearth Rugs, and other Articles and Sundries too numerous to particularise.

HERMAN COHEN AUCTIONEER.
'Phone, 569 Glebe

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK,

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street,

The Unredeemed Jewellery Pledged with J. Mandelberg, cor. Castlereagh and Market streets, city, comprising:—

SINGLE-STONE, HALF-HOOP, AND CLUSTER DIAMOND RINGS,
GOLD and SILVER CHRONOGRAPHS, LEVER, AND WALTHAM WATCHES,
GOLD ALBERT, MUFF CHAINS, BANGLES, LINKS, SOLITAIRES, ETC.

Dia. Brooches, Earrings, Lockets, Bracelets, Pins, etc. Engagement, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Messrs. Grace Bros., of 370 Oxford-street, Paddington, and 525 Crown-street, Surry Hills,

AT 11 O'CLOCK.—Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
AT 2 O'CLOCK.—Sundries and Jewellery.

AUCTION SALE,

MONDAY, MAY 10th,

AT 1 P.M.
at
OUR CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS,
119 BATHURST-STREET.

LARGE QUANTITY OF E.P. WARE, CROCKERY, CUTLERY, PLATE, and GLASS WARE.
Also,
LARGE QUANTITY OF FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

NOTE.—Suitable for the Trade and Retail Buyers alike.

ON VIEW SATURDAY AND MONDAY MORNINGS.
NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO.,
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
TEL., 20 CITY. 119 Bathurst-street.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock sharp,
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.

59 GOULBURN-STREET, OPP. ANTHONY HORDERNS', between George and Pitt streets.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,

comprising
Massive 5ft SIDEBOARD, BEDROOM SUITES
Comb. Chests, Wardrobes, Washstands, Suites
Carpets, Pictures, Tables, Chairs, Double Bedsteads
Bookcase, solid Cedar Office Table, Letter Press
Office Couch, uph. Morocco, etc., etc.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

HARRY WOOLNOUGH AND CO.,
Auctioneers, have been instructed to sell, on account of Mrs. H. Little.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.
AT 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, near Shepherd-street.
MIDDLETON and CO. will sell by auction, 500 Lots New and Secondhand Dresses, Blouses, Skirts, Underclothing, Boots, Men's and Children's Clothing, Blankets, Bedclothing, Furn., Curtains, Sundries. No Rehets, Bedclothing, Furn., Curtains, Sundries. No Reserve.
THIS DAY, at 6 o'clock—Clothing, Boots, Drapery, Shirts, Doctor's Instruments, Tools of all Trades.
HENRY LEVY will sell, at 93 George-street West.
No Reserve.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALES.

MOSMAN and ELLIS will sell by Auction, at their Railway Produce Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 p.m.,
Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Honey, Beeswax, Lard, Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, Game, Rabbits, etc.
1 Ton Prime Corn-fed Bacon.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO.
will Sell by Auction, at
THEIR SALE ROOMS AND YARDS,
Thomas-street, Haymarket,
THIS DAY,
Sucking Pigs and Carcase Pork, 1 p.m. sharp.
Sale Rooms, Bacon, etc., 2 p.m.
Poultry, etc., 2.30 p.m.

C. J. TURNER sells at his Rooms, Valentine-street, Haymarket, THIS DAY, as under:—
1.15, Tinsels, Chokos, Birds, etc.
1.30, Eggs, then Poultry.

WOOLLAHRA.—QUEEN-STREET,
ON THE BELLEVUE HILL TRAM ROUTE.

CORINTH, a faithfully-built Family Residence, constructed of brick on stone foundations, slate roof, containing 4 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, laundry, verandah, and balconies, and modern conveniences, gas, water, and sewer.

THE VILLA is detached, and occupying one of the best positions on Woollahra Heights, almost at the corner of Nelson and Queen streets.

BAIT, RODD, and PURVES, LIMITED, have been instructed to sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION in their Rooms, 88 PITT-STREET, on TUESDAY, 18th MAY, at 11.30 a.m.

THE LAND has a frontage of 72 feet 4 inches to Queen-street, with the advantage of a good wide lane at side; there is nice lawn on the eastern side of the house.

TITLE, LEASEHOLD, 46 years unexpired, at a Ground Rent of £14 17s 6d per annum.

A. S. GERBER, Esq., 49 Castlereagh-street, will furnish particulars as to Title.

ARNOTT'S

DOUBLE XX SODA BISCUITS

CONTAIN ALL THE ESSENTIALS OF A PERFECT FOOD, BEING LIGHT, UNSWEETENED, PERFECTLY BAKED, AND VERY EASILY ASSIMILATED.

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A PLEASING PLACE TO LUNCH LIGHTLY.

A light lunch is appreciated by most people, and we offer a delightfully refreshing meal in our new tearooms, between Anthony Hordern's and the Railway. A clean, quick service is guaranteed, and all provisions are of the best quality.

WILLIAM WHITE'S TEA ROOMS—419 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.

AUCTION SALES.

TWO MINUTES FROM BONDI BREAKERS.

FACING TRAMLINE, OVERLOOKING OCEAN.

SURF VIEW HEIGHTS AUCTION.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, MAY 8.

Big lumps of Building Land are the allotments comprising Surf View Heights. There's no better building land than they to be secured at this popular residential suburb. They are high, so high and elevated that each one commands a magnificent view right across the ocean, a view which is there for all time, a view which can never be built out. It's not easy to get building land of any kind at Bondi now-a-days. It's IMPOSSIBLE to get land like this. The Blocks are a very fair size, with good big frontages and depths. It's level land, at least most of it is; one or two allotments may not be quite up to the standard of the others, but the majority are as level as any buyer could desire. Water and gas are available, so that purchasers may commence building right away. This auction should commend itself to those people, and their name is legion, who are fond of surfing. No portion of Surf View Heights Estate is more than two minutes' walk from the popular beach. Builders, too, should not neglect this auction, for if there's one place more than another where cottages and villa homes of the better class are finding a ready sale that place is Bondi. Title is Torrens, and the Sale starts at 2 o'clock.

BUILDING RESTRICTION PROTECTS PURCHASERS.

10 PER CENT. DEPOSIT, BAL. 3 YEARS' TERMS.

PLANS AND ANY FURTHER PARTICULARS OF SURF VIEW HEIGHTS FROM

ARTHUR RICKARD AND CO., LTD.,
84B PITT-STREET,
AUCTIONEERS AND REALTY SPECIALISTS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

ORDER OF SALE.
OF
SHARES.
CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES,
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

SHARES.—200 (each £1 fully paid), in Hill, Dickinson, and Magill, Ltd., wholesale ironmongers.

PYRMONT.—Two House, Nos. 17 and 20 Mill street, and Nos. 1 and 3 Way-terrace. Leasehold. Executors' Sale.

REDFERN.—Shop and Dwelling, No. 43 Abercrombie-street, near Vine-street. Executors' Sale.

PADDINGTON.—Cottage, No. 32 Hopewell-street.

PADDINGTON.—Cottage, Wheatley, No. 51 Hargrave-street, west of Elizabeth-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

NEUTRAL BAY.—Two Cottages, Te Whare and Toringa, Gerard-street, near Winnie-street. Leasehold. Mortgagees' Sale.

NEUTRAL BAY.—Cottage, corner Waters-road and Gerard-street. Leasehold.

MOSMAN.—Allotments, Kirkoswald-avenue and Hopetoun-avenue, near above.

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BALMAIN.—Allotment, Weston-road, between Moodie and Spring-pride streets.

STANMORE.—Shop and Cottage, Nos. 68 and 70 Newington-road.

WAHROONGA.—Cottage Villa, Burns-road, near Coonabarabran-road.

AUBURN.—Block, 16 acres, Park-road, adj. Sefton Park Public School.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

AUCTIONEERS' NOTICE.—The Property at Baulkham Hills, advertised to be sold at our Rooms THIS MORNING, at 11.30 o'clock, is WITHDRAWN FROM SALE.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH, LTD.

TWO HUNDRED SHARES (£1 each, fully paid), in HILL, DICKINSON, and MAGILL, Ltd., Wholesale Ironmongers, Sydney.

AUCTION SALE at the Rooms, 88 Pitt-street,
THIS DAY, AT 11.30 A.M.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens' chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 12th day of May, 1909, at 10 o'clock, or as soon after in the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy at his office on or before the 10th day of May, 1909.—Re ALEXANDER GRAY MUDIE (No. 18,079), of Bemboka, Hotelkeeper. Re ANTONIO COMINO (No. 18,080), of 154 George-street North, Sydney. Re EDWARD JAMES HALLORAN, of 81 Castlereagh-street, Sydney. P. E. ROGERS, Official Assignee, in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4c-44)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of LAURENCE PERRY, late of Hawkin's Creek, near Barraba, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration de bonis non of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HERBERT WILLIAM PERRY, one of the Sons of the said deceased (MARY ANN DENNIS, formerly PERRY, the Administratrix of the Estate of the said deceased, having died); and all persons having any claims against the said Estate are required forthwith to render the same to the undersigned; and all notices may be served at the undersigned address. J. and J. JACOBS, fifth day of May, A.D. 1909. HERBERT WILLIAM PERRY, one of the Applicants, Barraba. By his Agents, GARLAND, SEABORN, and ABBOTT, 14 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM STERRY, late of Waggs Waggs, in the State of New South Wales, Dealer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIZABETH STERRY, the sole Executrix named in the said Will. All notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. HIGGINS and ROBINSON, Proctors, Wagga Wagga; and at 107 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of HUGH BLACKBURNE, late of Waggs Waggs, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer and Grazier, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOSEPH BLACKBURNE, the Father of the said deceased, and that the usual bond may be dispensed with. All persons having any claims against the said deceased are requested to forward particulars thereof to the undersigned, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. HIGGINS and ROBINSON, Proctors, Wagga Wagga; and at 107 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of FREDRRICK JAMES SHARP, late of Waggs Wagga, in the State of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to LOUISE SHARP, the Widow of the said deceased. All persons having any claims against the said deceased are hereby requested to forward particulars thereof to the undersigned, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. HIGGINS and ROBINSON, Proctors, Wagga Wagga; and at 107 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ADA MARY CLEAR, late of Waggs Wagga, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN HENRY CLEAR, the Husband of the said deceased, and that the usual bond may be dispensed with. All persons having any claims against the said deceased are requested to forward particulars thereof to the undersigned; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. HIGGINS and ROBINSON, Proctors, Wagga Wagga; and at 107 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—PROBATE JURISDICTION.—In the Will of JAMES RITCHIE, late of Cardinal-street and Military-road, Mosman, in the State of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the first Accounts in the above Estate have been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the second day of June next, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 6th day of May, in the year 1909. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JAMES THOMPSON WILSHIRE, 1st of Coolooli, Neutral Bay, near Sydney, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the PERMANENT TRUSTEE COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, LIMITED, the Executors in the said Will named; and all notices and claims may be sent to or served at the office of the undersigned. Dated this 6th day of May, A.D. 1909. JOSEPH THOMPSON, Proctor for Executors, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of FRANK WILLIAM BROUGHTON, late of Forbes, in the State of New South Wales, Brewer's Proprietor, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Codicil of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN WALTER BROUGHTON, the sole Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at and all claims sent to the office of the undersigned. By his Agent, CHARLES A. WALKER, 115 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and in the Estate of THOMAS GREGORY GLEESON, late of Waverley, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration with the Will annexed "de bonis non" of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to Mrs. CATHERINE MARSHALL, formerly Mrs. CATHERINE GLEESON, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. F. M. CHIPPINDALL, J.P., Brown-street, West Wallsend.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JAMES JAMES LORD, late of West Wallsend, in the State of New South Wales, Bushman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EMILY LORD, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. F. M. CHIPPINDALL, J.P., Brown-street, West Wallsend.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JAMES VINCENT McFARLANE, formerly Will of Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, but late of S.S. Shalimar, Marine Engineer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY McFARLANE, the mother of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address. MARY McFARLANE, Dixon-street, Lambton.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—TAKE NOTICE that I, HUGH ELDRED MANNING, of Merilbah, Alexandra-street, Hunter's Hill, Sydney, for the past two years and upwards residing at Merilbah, Alexandra-street, Hunter's Hill aforesaid, lately serving under Articles of Clerkship to ALFRED EDMUND JAQUES, do intend to apply on the first day of the present term, to be admitted an Attorney, Solicitor, and Proctor of this Honourable Court. Dated this fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nine. H. E. MANNING.

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FARM AND STATION.

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DEMAND FOR IRRIGATION.

Some time ago reference was made in these columns to an important irrigation conference held at Cobram, Victoria, which was attended by delegates from Southern Riverina, to agitate for the more effective utilisation of the Murray waters for irrigation. Severe strictures were passed upon the attitude of the New South Wales Government in regard to this matter, and we pointed out in this connection that Victoria had done no more for its settlers on the banks of the river than we have. A number of resolutions were passed to be forwarded to the two Governments concerned, with the request that prompt steps be taken for providing a suitable irrigation scheme for both sides of the Murray, as the matter was urgent. So far there has been no response from the Victorian Government, beyond a mere acknowledgment, but the New South Wales Department of Public Works has forwarded a reply, which is interesting, as forecasting future intentions in this State.

The Under-Secretary states in his letter that with regard to the motion affirming the necessity of conserving the water now running to waste, the principle was fully realised by the Minister controlling the policy of irrigation in the State of New South Wales, and steps had already been taken to conserve and utilise the water of the Murray running to waste. Those steps included the construction of storage works and irrigation channels for the purpose of fully utilising the waters of the Murrumbidgee River for irrigation. The first area to be dealt with—the canal for the supply of which was now under construction—comprised the lands on the north side of the Murrumbidgee. As soon as those works were completed, the lands on the south side would be dealt with, water being supplied from the Barren Jack reservoir for both areas. Following on the completion of the Murrumbidgee works, the lands on the north side of the Murray in New South Wales would be dealt with. The reasons which had weighed with the Minister in first putting in hand the construction of the works to deal with the land contiguous to the Murrumbidgee were the lesser rainfall of the Murrumbidgee lands compared with the Murray, and therefore the more urgent need of a supply of water.

He points out that as far as the agreement for the joint utilisation of the waters of the Murray between the three States is concerned, there was no necessity for any agreement for the joint construction of further reservoirs, as each State had ample power to construct all storage works necessary for its own requirements. When the time arrived for New South Wales to put in hand the construction of a proposed canal from the Murray at Bungowannah, it might then be necessary for that State to enter into a separate arrangement with Victoria for the joint construction of a reservoir at Cumberoona. That storage reservoir will then be available for the joint use of both States for irrigation purposes. There was no doubt that this arrangement would be more economical than for each State to construct separate reservoirs on the Upper Murray for their individual use for irrigation purpose. The agreement for the utilisation of the waters of the Murray had been arrived at on an irrigation, and not on a navigation, basis. The construction of navigation locks between Echuca on the Murray, Hay on the Murrimbidgee, and Blanchtown on the Murray, would render available for irrigation purposes practically the whole of the waters of the Murray basin, leaving the Darling River out of the question.

In conclusion the letter states there was no necessity for the appointment of engineers from New South Wales and Victoria to formulate a joint scheme for the supply of water by gravitation from the Murray. A scheme, including both the construction of a storage reservoir at Cumberoona and an irrigation canal from the Murray at Bungowannah had been prepared by the Public Works department of New South Wales, and when funds were available for its construction, and an arrangement come to with Victoria, both for the construction of a storage reservoir and the abutting of a diversion weir at Bungowannah on the Victorian bank, works could be put in hand at once. In any circumstances steps would be taken to enter into arrangements with Victoria at an ample period prior to the construction of the works being put in hand.

It will be seen from the above that the Government appears to be alive to its great responsibility in the matter of irrigation; but it is also to be hoped that no time will be lost in bringing the waste waters of the Murray into practical contact with the rich area of country lying between Albury, Berrigan, and Deniliquin. Although, as stated, the rainfall in this locality is more generous than in the country to be dealt with under the Northern Murrumbidgee scheme, there can be no doubt of the practical success of irrigation in the former bounds. Its geographical position is more favour

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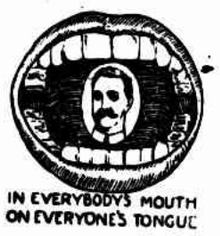

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Sledge Depot, 33 miles south of the winter quarters. This is another picture relating to the dash made by four members of the expedition for the Pole. It shows the sledge, sleeping bags, etc. There are three men (the fourth was taking the picture that we reproduce). Half-page engraving.

The Cloud-Maker. This is a view of a famous Antarctic peak. The camp of the party is shown. In front of the tents are dread crevasses. A large, striking picture.

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Altogether there are three pages of Antarctic Pictures. Those who attended Lieutenant Shackleton's lectures will appreciate them, inasmuch as they will recall some of the pictures he threw upon the screen. Those who did not attend the lectures cannot afford to miss them, for to them they will be a revelation.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE ISSUE.

THE BARRIER TRIALS: The accused and the witnesses (a group photo that union circles will regard as historic); scene outside the Albury Courthouse.

ABOLITION OF THE BULLSEYE: An illustrated article that all engaged in rifle shooting will find they will have to read. It shows the new targets approved by the War Office.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY: A page of snapshots and pen sketches.

Rockhampton and District: A set of interesting views occupying the double page.

AMONG SOUTHERN PICNICKERS: "Milroy" writes on his visit to the Southern Districts' Picnic Racing Carnival. He gives a bright article, and it is well illustrated.

MAGIC EXTRAORDINARY: There has lately been much discussion regarding the clever magician, Chung Ling Soo. We give a picture showing him presenting one of his most remarkable "delusions."

The Pastoral and Farming columns of the issue have good information for producers. All the permanent departments are covered by experts.

LANDING OF CAPTAIN COOK: The celebration at Kurnell supplies a picture, and with it appears an article giving the names of the first party of Englishmen, numbering about 80, to land in Australia. It makes an interesting historic picture.

KENDALL'S GLEN: A short illustrated article on a spot that inspired Henry Kendall to one of his sweet efforts.

BOY SCOUTS AT A MILITARY DRAMA: Picture of the remarkable scene in the streets and in the Theatre Royal, when hundreds of Boy Scouts accepted an invitation to see "An Englishman's Home."

"COMMEM. DAY" IN SYDNEY: A page of humorous pictures.

SNOWSHOEING AT KOSCIUSKO: A page of snapshots showing Alpine Sport

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONS: Miss Powdrell, the Lady Champion; Misses Stewart and Addison; and Mr. N. E. Brookes. In the sporting columns there is further reference to the meeting.

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LAW REPORT.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Mr. Justice Sly.)

ADMISSION TO THE BAR.

On the motion of Mr. Leverrier, Mr. Victor Haig, B.A. and LL.B. of the Sydney University, was admitted to the Bar of New South Wales. On the motion of Mr. D. G. Ferguson Mr. John Spence, B.A. and LL.B. of the Sydney University, was also admitted to the Bar.

A SOLICITOR CITED.

Mr. Blacket, instructed by Mr. T. Michell, appeared for the Incorporated Law Institute, and moved for a rule nisi in regard to certain allegations made against a solicitor of the Court. Counsel stated that the facts set out in the affidavits showed that Mr. W. W. Wood, dentist, formerly of Oxford-street, left the State in April last year, leaving his assistant, Miss Louise Clifford Hansby, in charge of his rooms, and up to the 20th of that month she paid rent to her landlady. The latter having given her notice to quit Miss Hansby went to the attorney in question to obtain his advice as to what she should do, as she desired to retain the rooms. He told her to defy the landlady, and pay her the rent through him. She accordingly paid him £4 on July 20 for a week's rent, and was given a receipt, which had, however, disappeared. She afterwards, on two other occasions, paid the solicitor two weeks' rent, making £12 in all, but got no receipts for these amounts. She also informed her landlady of these payments. She had been unable to find the receipt for the first £4. It was filed with her business papers in the office. The solicitor had access to her papers, and she believed that he took it away on one occasion when he was going through the papers. She missed it after he left, and she had not seen it since. On July 24 Miss Hansby gave the solicitor £6, with instructions to cable to Mr. Wood and pay for the reply. He afterwards assured her that he had paid for the reply, but she believed he did not do so. At a later date the landlady called upon the solicitor, who admitted that he had received £12 rent from Miss Hansby, but said he preferred to pay it to the landlady's solicitor. As he did not pay the money to her solicitor she called at his office a week later and found his office vacant, and was informed by a lady who occupied a room on the same floor that a letter addressed to the post-office, Wollongong, would find him. Messrs. Hughes and Hughes subsequently wrote to the solicitor demanding payment, but received no reply. The matter was then referred to the Law Institute, and the secretary, Mr. E. N. Daly, forwarded to the solicitor a statutory declaration by Miss Hansby. A reply was received dated December 17, stating that there was no truth in a great deal of what Miss Hansby said, and that he never acted for her, except as the agent of Mr. Wood. He further stated that he had advised her on a great many things in connection with Mr. Wood's affairs, and he had already admitted to her the receipt of all moneys she had paid him. The accusation that he took any receipt from her rooms was absolutely false, and it was the first he ever knew that it was missing. He also informed Miss Hansby that he was prepared to settle his account for costs at the amount he had received, and not having heard anything more from her he considered that his offer had been accepted. He had done work which represented more than the value of the money he had received. He also denied that he received money to send a reply cablegram to Woods, and said that until he received the communication from the institute he had not been informed that Miss Hansby had not agreed to his offer previously made. He was prepared to give a bill of costs, if necessary, and had no desire to do anything but what was just and proper. Subsequently, in response to a further communication from the institute, the solicitor wrote, stating that he admitted receiving £4 for rent, for which he gave Miss Hansby a receipt, and £5 for cabling. He had Reuter's receipt for £3 2s, leaving a credit of £5 18s, which he was prepared to refund if he could not hold it against his costs still unpaid. As the reply was considered unsatisfactory, the institute placed the matter in the hands of its solicitor. In a second affidavit Miss Hansby swore that since the solicitor had left Sydney she had not had any communication from him, and she denied absolutely his statement that he informed her that he was prepared to settle the account at the money he had received. The first time she heard of any suggestion of the kind was when she read the solicitor's letter of December 17 last, written to the institute.

The Court granted the rule nisi, calling upon respondent on that day fortnight to answer, in any way he might think fit, the matters set out in the affidavits, and to show cause why he should not be struck off the roll of solicitors.

APPLICATION BY A BARRISTER.

On the motion of Mr. Carlos, Mr. Frederic Wegg Horne, barrister-at-law, who was admitted to the Bar of New South Wales in May, 1895, was, at his own request, disbarred, and admitted as a solicitor of the Court.

JURISDICTION TO HEAR APPEAL.
QUESTION OF RATEABILITY.

Re J. H. Vanderverd (appellant), Municipal Council of Vaucluse (respondent).

Mr. Langer Owen, K.C., and Mr. E. M. Mitchell, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), appeared for the appellant, who is the representative of the Government in regard to the assessment of certain land at Vaucluse; Mr. Harvey, instructed by Mr. E. K. M'Intosh, appeared for the respondent municipality in support of the assessment. This was an appeal from the decision of Judge Rogers, and it appeared that the Crown appealed to the District Court against the assessment by the municipal council of Vaucluse of 30 acres, being portion of 165 acres of Crown lands at Vaucluse. Of the 30 acres, six acres upon which the lighthouse stands were admittedly rateable, but the Government disputed their liability in regard to 24 acres. Judge Rogers decided that the 24 acres were non-occupied Crown lands, and were, therefore, rateable; and on appeal by the Crown the Full Court on February 22 upheld the appeal, with costs. On March 11 last, however, the Court, on the application of Mr. Harvey, who was unable to be present at the original hearing, consented to rescind its order, for the purpose of considering the question whether, in view of section 140 of the Local Government Act, 1906, and the decision in Jones v Municipality of Rookwood (26 W.W.N. 61), an appeal from the assessment would lie either to the District Court or Full Court. It was now contended on behalf of the appellant that both the District Court and the Full Court had jurisdiction to consider whether the lands were rateable or not. Before the order of rescinding was made the respondent council were, first, "Was it open to the District Court Judge to consider the question whether the land was occupied or unoccupied Crown land, either in fact or law?" and it was contended that it was not open to the Judge to consider whether the land was rateable or not. The next point was that assuming that question was open to respondent, was it clear on the special case that his Honor dealt with it as a question of fact or law? On the point as to the jurisdiction of the District Court to consider the question of the rateability of the land it was also contended by Mr. Harvey that the case of Jones v the Borough of Rookwood would not be disturbed, and that no distinction could be made between total non-rateability and partial non-rateability.

The case stands part heard.

CASE SETTLED.

LEONI v HAY AND ANOTHER.

Dr. Brissenden, who represented the defendants, said that the parties had agreed in this appeal that the rule should be made absolute to enter a verdict for defendants; each party paying their own costs. Mr. Watt appeared for the plaintiff to consent.

Rule absolute, accordingly entering the verdict for defendants.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

A TRUSTEE DISPUTE.

In this case the Perpetual Trustee Company and Captain W. S. Beel were plaintiffs, and the Rev. H. T. Holliday and Alexander M. Beattie defendants. The claim was that the plaintiff, an old man of about 86 years of age, had become entitled, upon the death of his wife, to certain fixed deposits in the Bank of New South Wales, amounting to £3221, a sum of £500 on current account in the name of his late wife, about £10 in cash, and some jewellery, and other things. A power of attorney appointing the defendants to be his attorneys, with very wide powers of controlling and dealing with the estate of the plaintiff, and empowering them to retain a commission, was prepared without any instructions having been given, and he signed it, believing it to be a document to enable some persons to obtain payment of moneys from the bank on his behalf. Subsequently he obtained legal advice, and revoked all powers of attorney, etc., previously signed, and gave defendants notice, directing them to deliver every thing to his solicitor, F. A. Davenport. Defendants said they were willing to deliver, but thought they were entitled to some remuneration for loss of time and trouble—£10 each. This was agreed to, but as the handing over was not compiled with immediately, the authority to retain the £10 each was revoked. Defendants about this time informed plaintiff's solicitor that they believed Beel to be incapable of instructing any solicitor on his own account, and said that they would hand over the moneys and securities upon the appointment of the plaintiff company, under the Lunacy Act as managers of the estate. Beel executed an irrevocable power of attorney, appointing the company his attorneys.

Defendants declined to hand over, and decided to submit to any decree the Court might make.

Mr. Rich and Mr. Maughan (instructed by Mr. F. A. Davenport) appeared for plaintiffs; and Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. Harvey (instructed by Messrs. Perkins, Stevenson, and Co.), for the defendants.

His Honor ordered the defendants to hand over all property of Captain Beel to the plaintiff company, the company to pay the taxed costs of the defendants, and the costs, charges, and expenses properly incurred; any case of difference as to the latter to be referred to the Master in Equity.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)

DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS OF WHEAT.

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Additional argument was heard, and his Honor then adjourned the further hearing of the case for a fortnight.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar.)

EXAMINATIONS.

Re Michael Somers. Examination was concluded.

Re James Herren. Meeting was closed and examination concluded. Bankrupt, who was attached by the Court for not attending his public examination, was discharged from custody.

Re Frank Ireland. Meeting was closed and examination concluded.

Re W. Scott Fell. Examination was held under section 30 and closed.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

(Before Judge Heydon.)

SUMMONSES FOR PENALTY.

Thomas Lankferer was proceeded against by the Butchers' Employees' Union on four charges of paying wages less than prescribed by the award. Mr. G. G. Beeby (Messrs. Beeby and Moffitt), appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. Perry, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, for the defence. There were four cases, and defendant was convicted, and fined £2 10s in each case, with total costs £3 3s, in default one week's imprisonment. His Honor remarked that he did not like to be hard on Mr. Lankferer in this matter, because the award was certainly very young, and he had only about a month before moved into his new shop. Mr. Lankferer had given his evidence in a very frank, straightforward way, which had prepossessed his Honor very much in his favour. But there was a great deal in what Mr. Beeby had said. Mr. Lankferer was an experienced master butcher, and knew that the award was coming on, and it was his duty to bring his wages sheet into conformity with the award.

Alfred Oliver, butcher, of 318 Oxford-street, Paddington, was proceeded against for not paying a carter in his employ the minimum wage stipulated under the award. Mr. Beeby appeared for the prosecution; and Mr. Perry, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, for the defendant, for whom a plea of guilty was entered. His Honor imposed a fine of £10, with £3 3s cost, in default one week's imprisonment.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries.)

Mr. Harris prosecuted for the Crown.

A CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

Laura Beveridge, Rose Saunders, William M'Dougall, and James Hill were charged that they did, on March 15, 1909, at Sydney, conspire amongst themselves and with another person, whose name is unknown, to pervert the course of justice. M'Dougall, who was represented by Mr. J. W. Abigail, pleaded guilty; and the other three not guilty. Hill was represented by Mr. E. R. Abigail, Saunders by Mr. P. K. White, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail; and Beveridge by Mr. Walker, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail.

Alfred Thompson deposed that at about 11.15 p.m. on March 4, 1909, he was walking along Barrack-street, with a man named James Fisher, when he was accosted by two women, one of whom was Laura Beveridge. He was subsequently robbed of 67 sovereigns. Witness next saw Laura Beveridge on March 5 in the custody of the police, and charged her with stealing the money. On March 12 he saw Beveridge outside the Water Police Station conversing with Rose Saunders. Saunders beckoned him over, and he went to her with Fisher. Beveridge said, "How are you going to get on this afternoon?" Witness replied, "I know how I am going to get on." Beveridge then said, "Did you really lose your money?" Witnes replied, "You know all about that." About 4 p.m. on the 15th inst witness was walking up Oxford-street with Fisher. They met Saunders, who said to witness; "How are you getting on?" Thompson replied: "Not too well; a man cannot get on too well when he has lost his money." Saunders asked witness would he go away if he got £60, and witness replied, "Yes." Subsequently witness and Fisher went to Beveridge's house. James Hill, William M'Dougall, and another man witness could identify were there. Saunders said, "This is the chap who promised to meet us." On a subsequent occasion Hill gave him two sovereigns to go on with. Witness handed the money to Constable Williams. On the 17th inst, M'Dougall said to witness, "I would sooner you stop here till the case is over, and go to the Court and say that you are not sure that Beveridge is the woman." Witness told M'Dougall he would sooner go away beforehand. On the evening of the 18th inst the man who was at Beveridge's house on the 15th inst gave witness a railway ticket and £22 10s at the station. Witness and Fisher went as far as Strathfield in the train, and then returned to the city, and handed the money to Sergeant Thain, at No. 1 Police Station.

William M'Dougall gave evidence for the Crown. Beveridge had said that prosecutor would be all right if he got some of his money back. Witness replied that if she returned the money she might get into trouble, as that would be practically admitting that she took the man's money. Beveridge replied, "Oh, no. I have often done it before: and there has never been any bother about it."

James Hill said that he had never been in trouble in his life.

Beveridge denied taking the money from Thompson. She also denied the statements made by prosecutor.

Rose Saunders said that Beveridge had told her that she did not take any money from Thompson, and witness believed her.

Counsel had now concluded their addresses to the jury when the Court rose.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before the President and Commissioners.)

W. J. Ward appealed against the decision of the Local Land Board in respect of his claim against John William Irving for contribution towards the cost of erecting and making rabbit-proof fence on the common boundary, between portions 30 and 31, and portion 90, parish of Cumbaburra, county of Harden, land district of Boorowa. Mr. Pike, instructed by Mr. Rose, appeared for the appellant; and Mr. Lolman for the respondent. The Court reserved its decision.

A. W. F. Carrigan appealed against the report of the local land board on a reference by the Under-Secretary for Lands, under regulation 4, in connection with a proposed transfer of settlement lease No. 875, Moree, from Alfred Shaffendale Carrigan to Mary Amelda Carrigan. Mr. Pike appeared for appellant; Mr. Canaway for A. R. Stafford; and Mr. M'Donald for A. Stafford. Decision was reserved.

Mr. F. M'Keon appealed against the recommendation of the local land board for refusal of his application for selection of conditional purchase 7355, parish of Bingara, county of Murchison. Mr. Pike appeared for the appellant. Decision was reserved.

J. Woods appealed against the appraised value of certain improvements on his conditional leases Nos. 1907-35, and 1908-35, Queanbeyan. The case was withdrawn, and deposit directed to be refunded.

M. Woods appealed against the recommendation of local land board for refusal of his annual lease application No. 1909-6, Queanbeyan. The case was struck out, and deposit ordered to be refunded.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, 7th MAY.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—Special Case: In re J. H. Vanderveld (appellant), Municipal Council of Vaucluse (respondent), and the Local Government Act (part heard). Demurrer: Mockbell v Hughes and another. District Court Appeal: Hughes and another v Mockbell. Special Case: In re George Bushby Knowles (appellant), Council of Municipality of Newcastle (respondent), and Local Government Act. Motion on notice: In re The Borough of Camperdown, ex parte Alexander R. Troup, for a mandamus.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk.—Austin v Austin, Lister co-respondent, 10.15 a.m.; Wilson v Wilson, 10.15 a.m.; Hawkins v Hawkins, 10.30 a.m. Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.—Teece v Bevan, special case; Gregory and Co. v Artery, Logue claimant, Sheriff's interpleader.

In Equity.—Before the Chief Judge in Equity, at 10 a.m.—Motions generally: Rose v Kempbell, motion to continue injunction; Bennett and Wood v Bailey, motion for injunction; Palmer v Campbell, motion for injunction; Attorney-General v Chief Commissioner for Railways, motion for order in terms of statement of claim; Minister for Works and Perpetual Trustee Co. (Wilson), petition for further hearing (part heard); same v same, ditto; same v same, further consideration; same v same, ditto; re Wm Fitzgerald and Perpetual Trustee Co., Ltd., Act, motion for consent of Dr. J. in Eq. to appointment of new trustees; Commissioner for Railways and Mackenzie Bowman, petition for payment out; Railway Commissioners of New South Wales v H. Hudson and others, petition for payment out; Minister for Works and claim of Trustees of J. J. Underwood, petition for payment out; Jones v Jones, originating summons. Before the Master in Equity.—At 12: Australian Brownfields Potteries Co., to confirm accounts. 12.15: White v Coull, for directions. 2 p.m.: Love and Co. v Morrison, for further directions. 2.15: M'Kinlay v Buchanan, to settle draft certificate. 2.30: Jno. Welsh, caveat of, to settle minutes of order. 2.45: Gollan v Rourke, to settle minutes of order. 3: R. v. Marshall and C. and L. of P. Act, to settle minutes of order. 3.30: King v Wild, to settle minutes of order. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11: Re Solomon Wiseman, to tax costs. 12: Holbrook's, Ltd., v Duesbury, to tax costs. 2.15: Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office: William Anning, 10.30; Ann Charlotte Cleeve, 11; Thomas Herbert, 11.30; James Olds, 12.

In Divorce.—Before Mr. Justice Street.—In No. 1 Jury Court.—At 10: Motions, etc.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar, in Bankruptcy.—At 10 a.m.: Hearing of creditors' petitions. Robert Henry Forrester v William James Forrester; Henry Bull and Co., Limited, and John Connell and Co., Proprietary, Limited, v Nicholas Venables; Peers and Co. v Nancy Burwood Miller. Audit and confirmation of accounts and plans.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Probate Courthouse, Queen's-square, Sydney.—Before his Honor Judge Heydon. At 10 a.m.: For hearing—Summonses for penalty, William J. Corbitt v the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage (eight cases).

COURT OF REVIEW.

Before his Honor Judge Murray.—At 9.45 a.m.: Appeal against land tax assessment; C. G. Dwyer, for judgment; appeal against income tax assessment, McVey, Baird, as public officer of the Bondi Concessions, Limited, to be mentioned.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Murray.—At 10 a.m.: Examinations of judgment debtors (in Chambers in No. 2 Court:—Booker v Wayne; Chapman v Mundle; Feisley v Cruickshank; Booker v Steeum; Hayward v Simpson; Booker v Way; same v Bennett; David Jones, Limited, v Bennett; Tillock and others v Kinnear; Hauer v Fagen; Booker v Merrin; Commissioners of Taxation v Black.

Motions generally (in No. 1 Court):—Foley v Johnson; the Clyde Engineering Company, Limited, v Lister; Condell v Condell; Hauer v Fybus; Land v Morgan; Barry v Steer; Kruse v Raker; Frans v Maclean; Rea v Wilson; Batt, Rodd, and Purves, Limited, v York; M'Naught v Stenning. Cause:—Cousins v Geoghegan (part heard).

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Harry Frost, abduction; Harold Ritchie, forgery and uttering; Arthur Reeder and John M'Farlane, robbery.

A WOMAN'S DEATH.

CORONER'S VERDICT OF MURDER.

The death of Lucy Edith Smith, a married woman, aged 38, lately living with her husband in Alfred-street, North Sydney, was the subject of an inquest at the City Coroner's Court yesterday by Mr. H. S. Hawkins, Acting Coroner. Mrs. Smith died on April 26 at the house of Donald Rhoderick and Rebecca Irvin Sinclair, at 486 Old South Head-road, Woollahra, and the police arrested the Sinclairs the same day on suspicion of causing the death.

Donald Sinclair was described as an agent, and Rebecca Sinclair, his wife, as a dressmaker. They were present in court, and the husband exercised to the full the right to cross-examine the witnesses. He himself gave evidence that at a quarter past 3 on the afternoon of April 26 he was in the kitchen at his house with a Miss Williams. He heard a knock, and going upstairs found Mrs. Sinclair supporting a woman. She gave witness to understand that the woman had fainted. They laid her on a couch, and loosened her clothing, gave her smelling-salts, and sent for a doctor. The doctor came shortly after, and witness heard Mrs. Sinclair explain to him that the woman had collapsed suddenly. The doctor looked at her eyes, put a mirror to her mouth, and said, "I am afraid she is gone." Witness then informed the police.

Deceased's husband said he had no idea why his wife went to 486 Old South Head-road.

The Coroner found that Mrs. Smith had died as the result of an illegal operation, and committed the Sinclairs for trial on a charge of murder.

A GREATER ST. GEORGE.

For some years past the municipal representatives of Rockdale, Bexley, Kogarah, and Hurstville, those municipalities lying between Cook's and George's rivers, have had ideas concerning the amalgamation of the four boroughs, but no definite and acceptable scheme has yet been propounded. Bexley Council, whose municipal entity came about by a partition from Hurstville, have been least inclined to help the movement, urging as a reason that their existence as a separate municipality pointed to a desire for separation rather than federation. On the other hand, it is freely shown that great savings can be effected by the consolidation of the debts and reduction in clerical and working expenses. To resuscitate the matter, Alderman Ley, of Hurstville Council, moved at the last meeting.—"That the Mayor invite the Rockdale, Kogarah, and Bexley councils to meet Hurstville Council in conference with a view to a definite Greater St. George scheme being framed for submission to the ratepayers at the next general municipal elections." The motion was carried.

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RATING CHURCH PROPERTIES.

MINISTERS' RESIDENCES HELD EXEMPT.

At the Redfern Police Court, before Mr. Payten, S.M., appeals against assessments were made by the Rev. Richard O'Regan in respect to the Roman Catholic Presbytery in Redfern-street, and by the Rev. G. C. Taylor and the Rev. S. B. Medcalf in respect to two Methodist parsonages, one in Pitt-street and the other in George-street, Redfern. Mr. Ackermann, instructed by Mr. Howarth, appeared for the Redfern Council, Mr. Carroll for the trustees of the Roman Catholic Church, and Mr. T. H. England for the trustees of the Methodist Church.

The values set down by the council were not disputed. The point raised was that the property was exempt.

It was admitted that all the buildings were occupied by ministers connected with the churches named. The only difference was that in the case of the Roman Catholic property the presbytery adjoined the church, and was divided by a small fence in which there was an entrance gate. The Methodist parsonages were about half a mile from any of the churches in the circuit. The ministers paid no rent, and lived on the voluntary offerings of their congregations.

Mr. Ackermann: Yes, but their rent is in their salary.

Mr. Carroll: In the case of the priest his emoluments consist of a house rent free, and the voluntary contributions of his people.

Mr. Ackermann submitted to the Court in an argument lasting several hours that this class of property was rateable from the fact that it was not used exclusively for church purposes. A church under the Act must be regarded as a building and not a spiritual body. A minister's house was for his private use. They might as well say that because a Supreme Court building was free from taxation the Judge's house should also be free. Land to be exempt must be both occupied and used by the church.

The Magistrate: That is the whole question. The point is what is the difference between occupying and using land. The Legislature must have had some reason in using both terms in the section. Can you use land in connection with a church without occupying it?

Mr. Ackermann: That is my contention, and that is why the Legislature expressly stated that the land must be occupied by the church and used by the church to be exempt.

The Magistrate: That raises the question of "land and or"—occupied by or used for church purposes, and occupied by and used for church purposes.

Mr. Ackermann: In the old Act it was occupied by or used in connection with a church, but the Legislature in the new Act altered the wording to "occupied by and used in connection with a church." It might as well be contended that the Salvation Army's People's Palace was exempt from taxation because the profits of the place were devoted to church work.

Mr. England said that hospitals were exempt, and so were doctors and nurses' homes connected with those hospitals, although they were built in another street. Ministers' residences were in a similar position.

The Magistrate, in giving judgment, said that he believed the Legislature meant that two classes of property were to be exempt, viz., land occupied by a church and land used in connection with a church. If that was correct all these parsonages were exempt. He therefore upheld the appeal, and ordered the assessments to be struck out.

Mr. Ackermann asked that the assessments be not struck out just yet, as the Redfern Council would probably appeal.

The magistrate agreed to allow the assessments to remain in the books for 16 days.

MARRICKVILLE ROBBERY.

NIGHT OFFICER BEFORE THE COURT.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Payten, S.M., Joseph Robert Kerr, 36, a night railway officer, was charged with having stolen £30.

On the application of the police a remand was granted until May 14. Kerr was allowed bail, self in £50 and two sureties in £25 each or one in £50. Bail was soon forthcoming.

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Which cold centured him, causing him to say,
"Stand back, my lord, and let the parson cough!"
—Advt.

The Agricultural and Pastoral Notes in this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" deal with important subjects.—Advt.

POLICE COURTS.

ADULTERATED MILK AND VINEGAR.

At the Redfern Court, before Mr. Payten, S.M., James A. Forgie, inspector for the municipality of Redfern, proceeded against a number of shopkeepers. Mr. Howarth prosecuted on behalf of the Redfern Councils.

Ada Taylor, shopkeeper, Abercrombie-street, was charged with having sold milk which the Government Analyst certified contained 111 per cent. of added water. The defendant, who pleaded guilty, stated that she sold the milk in exactly the same condition as she purchased it from a milkman. She was in very poor circumstances. The shop and contents had been seized under a bill of sale. She had no home now, and was living with neighbours. The bill of sale people took possession last Saturday. She had a baby in the hospital. Her husband only got 15s a week and his keep, and she had been trying to help him by keeping the shop. Defendant was fined £10, together with £1 2s costs, in default imprisonment for one month. She was allowed a month to pay, in order to give her time to recover from the milkman.

John Ward, of Regent-street, Redfern, was charged with having sold vinegar which was, according to the analysis of the Government Analyst, a flavoured dilute acetic acid containing 3.36 per cent. of acetic acid. It was not a liquid preparation by the alcoholic and acetic fermentation of extract of malt or malt substitutes, or gault and sugar, and was therefore not in accordance with the standard for vinegar. Defendant is manager for Winn and Co. Mr. Winn, who appeared, stated that he knew nothing about the contents of the bottle, but he had withdrawn the vinegar from sale. Dr. Cooksey said if the certificate on the bottle was correct it would have been an average vinegar, but it was not so. Defendant was fined £2 and £1 2s costs, in default imprisonment for 14 days.

Charles Frederick Seller, of Bourke-street, Redfern, was charged with having sold vinegar which, according to the certificate of the Government Analyst, was deficient in acetic acid to the extent of 40 per cent. Mr. Cromwell, for the defendant, said that already 4000 bottles of this vinegar had been recalled, because a mistake had been made in manufacturing the vinegar. Dr. Cooksey stated that this was malt and sugar vinegar, diluted with at least 40 per cent. of water afterwards. Defendant was fined £5 and £1 2s costs, in default imprisonment for one month.

Joseph G. Coogan, of Abercrombie-street, was charged with having sold vinegar which was deficient in acetic acid to the extent of 28 per cent., and was therefore below the standard strength of vinegar. Dr. Cooksey said there was no deleterious effect likely to arise from a use of this vinegar, but it was diluted to the extent of 28 per cent. Defendant was fined £2 and £1 2s costs, in default imprisonment for one month.

Ada Thorp, of Redfern, was charged with having sold vinegar which was deficient in acetic acid to the extent of 8½ per cent. Mr. Brown, for defendant, pleaded guilty. It was stated that already 1200oz. bottles of this vinegar had been recalled since the previous conviction, but this shop had by some means been overlooked

BIRTHS.

TINDALL.—March 26, at 17-2 Armenian-st, Singapore, the wife of Chas. E. G. Tindall, of a son.

SILVER WEDDINGS.

STONEHAM—VINCENT.—May 7, 1884, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. W. E. Bourne, Ephraim, second youngest son of the late John Stoneham, Geelong (Vic.), to Matilda, eldest daughter of John Vincent, of Waverley. Present address: Normanville, Windsor-street, Paddington.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.

SHEARSBY—CHAPMAN.—May 7, 1859, by special license, at St. James' Church, King-street, Sydney, by the Rev. Robert Allwood, Mr. William Shearsby, son of the late Mr. William Shearsby, native of Leamington, Warwickshire, to Margaret, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Edward Chapman, of Woolloomooloo, native of Cork, Ireland. Present address, Berylea, 50 Ross-street, Forest Lodge.

DEATHS.

ALLEN.—May 6, 1909, at his residence, 77 Kent-street, Miller's Point, Cornelius Allen, native of the City of Cork, Blackpool, Ireland, aged 68 years. R.I.P.

HOLDEN.—May 6, at Clansman, Barry-street, Neutral Bay, Florette Hynde, wife of Edgar Anthony Holden. By request, no flowers.

HOWE.—May 6, at Goulburn, William Henry Howe, son of H. B. Howe (railways), aged 42 years.

LANE.—May 6, at the Women's Royal Hospital, Paddington, Margaret, dearly beloved wife of Edmund (Ted) Lane, Channel-street, Petersham, age 37 years. R.I.P.

MORPHEW.—May 6, 1909, at his residence, Holywood, 56 Penkivil-street, Bondi, after a short illness, Alfred Morphew, aged 74 years. London, Eng., papers please copy.

PEVELY.—May 5, 1909, at Sydney Hospital, Louisa Annie Margaret, dearly loved infant daughter of John James and Teresa Annie Pevely, aged 2 years and 6 months.

RAMSAY.—At her residence, Lillyville, View-street, Annandale, Lilly Aitken, beloved wife of Alfred Ramsay, and only daughter of the late Edward Lowber, aged 38.

SPENCE.—May 6, 1909, at Glover-street, Mosman, Rev. Joseph Spence, Methodist minister, in his 69th year.

STEELE.—May 6, 1909, at the residence of his parents, Newell, Beach-road, Dulwich Hill, Charles, dearly loved seventh son of Alexander and Margaret Steele.

SMYTH.—May 6, 1909, at Darrah, Edgecliff-road, Selwood Smyth, aged 48 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

ABBOTT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Abbott, who departed this life on May 7, 1907. Inserted by her three sons, James, Andrew, and John Byrne.

BECKHAUS.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Joseph David Beckhaus, who died May 7, 1908, in his 63rd year. Dearly loved, so sadly missed. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

BURNS.—Died May 7th, 1908, just one year ago, Agatha Louisa (Lou) Burns, dear sister of Mrs. G. Wagg and Mrs. R. Scott, of Redfern, beloved daughter of Mrs. E. Hunt. So sadly missed.
How many hearts will pray
That oft as she hast freely given
May her soul be recompensed in heaven.
We're nothing left but one sacred spot,
And her picture on the wall.—Mother.

BROWTHER.—In sad and loving memory of Cecil Aubrey Browther, who died at his residence, Ernestine Villa, Marrickville-road, on May 7, 1902. Nicholas H. Tierney.

TOMES.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, Frank Henry Tomes, died May 7, 1907. Dead, but not forgotten.—Inserted by his wife and family.

TROY.—In affectionate remembrance of Thomas Troy, J.P., who departed this life May 7, 1906.
Yet shall poor Tom find pleasant weather,
When He, who all commands,
Shall give, to call life's crew together,
The word to "Pipe all hands."—J.T.

YOUNG.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, Leslie George Young, who died May 6, 1908, aged 26 years. Deeply regretted by Lily and Theo. Hobart.

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THE LAND AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

Much stress is being laid by the present Federal Government upon its land tax proposals. The Prime Minister has declared that, unless they are accepted by Parliament, he will not place anything upon the Estimates for immigration, and the two things are assumed to be so closely related that it is useless to discuss one without the other. We do not propose at this point to deny the bona fides of Ministers when offering to do something for immigration. They must see—though the bulk of their upporters deny the fact—that the Commonwealth is in peril with its three million square miles of territory held by a handful of people; and as a matter of academic concern they are prepared to endorse the proposition that we must have population, not in driblets, but in streams. Yet, as a question in practical politics, Mr. Fisher and his colleagues do not see their way to go further than to make it a weapon of attack upon the States. "Give us the power," they say, "to break the back of the big landowner, and we will soon settle the immigration problem." But this power can only be obtained by action opposed to the spirit of the Constitution, and in direct defiance of the wishes and responsibilities of the States. To get so far would mean a battle throughout the Commonwealth, with the practical certainty of ultimate defeat. No shrewder way of staving off a difficult and pressing question, which must be answered if Australia is to be adequately defended, could be discovered; and Mr. Fisher is apparently prepared to use his respite in dealing with immigration as long as he can. The Attorney-General also, in the statement which we publish to-day, harps upon the need for suitable immigrants to these shores, and for land upon which to settle them, and quotes the Peel River resumption as an illustration of the evils of State control of the public estate.

If land value taxation is likely to be such a wonderful panacea for forcing large areas into the market, why cannot the States use it themselves? It has not been argued yet that land value taxation in itself would be inequitable and confiscatory, if exercised within reasonable limits and by the States as directly concerned. There are many people who recognise that something must be done, who are not averse to pressure being brought to bear upon the large landowners, and who are by no means supporters of the socialist party now in office. But the question is, whether the time is ripe for the experiment. Certainly the argument for refusing the Federal Government any latitude in the matter is exceedingly strong. We have already indicated the difficulty from the point of view of the Constitution. To raise the question on that side is to set the States and the Commonwealth at loggerheads, and to threaten union itself. If the power to tax the land is exercised it will mean that one of the great emergency reserves will be opened, and more than one authority on the subject has declared emphatically that this was never contemplated as a possibility by the framers of the Constitution, except in the last extremity of national need. The fact is that the present Government is showing itself eager to lay hands upon any and every source of revenue without regard to sound finance or the requirements of the future; and it is prepared to prejudice the position of posterity by experiments which may land this generation on the rocks. Mr. Watson used to asseverate that the progressive land tax was not intended to raise revenue. It was to be a bursting-up tax. Mr. Hughes points to the £10,000 per annum which would have been forced from the Peel River Company on the present resumed area, until it put the property to its best use. But we need not press the point. Even if revenue were not forthcoming, the principle of applying the tax against the States' existing right of control of public lands is entirely wrong. When money is wanted, say, in war-time, or for some great emergency, we must be ready with our last penny. But to turn a definite reserve of strength into a source of weakness would be suicidal, and the socialists are only ready to take action because it promises to help them to realise some of their pet schemes for expropriating the capitalist.

LAND AGENTS AGAIN.

The statement of the Minister for Lands, which we publish this morning, may be accepted as a reasonable explanation of the department's position with respect to inquiries from land-seekers. No one is likely to assume, after Mr. Moore's disclaimer, that there has been any wrongdoing in the matter ventilated in our columns lately. That is to say, the land agents who replied to the young men whose desire was to deal directly with the department were not seeking to take any unfair advantage of would-be settlers; and no doubt the fee demanded was commensurate with the services sought to be rendered. Certainly the Minister himself need make no apologies on personal grounds; and his subordinates have nothing to fear, we are sure, from the closest inquiry, if the question of honesty and straightforwardness should be raised. But the difficulty which has arisen over the activities of private land agents cannot be resolved or smoothed out by such admissions. We accept the Minister's assurance that the practice complained of is to be stopped, and it is so far good that the department recognises that it has made a mistake. But there must be a step further. When inquiries are made from public officers they should be able to do all that private individuals profess to accomplish; and to send the names of proposing settlers to outside firms, however honourable, is a direct confession of weakness, and shows a lack of business grip.

We come back, in fact, to the old position that until the Lands Department is put in commission there is bound to be trouble. Here is an instance in which the facts prove indubitably that the department does not know what to do in some cases, and that private business men can see their way through the maze. Land has been open for selection at the head of the Clarence River. It is "a large area of unclassified Crown land," to use the words of the Minister, which has been lying unsought, while multitudes of would-be settlers have asked for information about possible farms. The department had been able to do nothing with it, and apparently was prepared like Brer Rabbit to lie low and keep on doing nothing. Then came business men, who had at one time been in the service of the department, and offered to do what was necessary—under certain conditions. We do not challenge these conditions. We have already accepted the bona fides of the land agents, but the point is that what was possible to them should have been possible as a departmental enterprise. It was a matter of business, and the department will only prosper as it is administered on business lines. Hence the demand for a commission, and for the same alertness as the Railway Department has to show. The reply may be made that the Lands Department should be allowed to co-operate with shrewd men outside, and be permitted to take advantage of the push and vigour of private enterprise. But it is clear that unless there is as much acumen and alertness inside as outside, the department will not do much good for itself. It will always be at the mercy of smart men seeking to do business for it which should be done by it. Furthermore, if there are thoroughly up-to-date officers in the department, who can originate ideas and push settlement, the excuse will never be needed that suggestions must be sought in other than official channels. The Minister must see that this is a matter which cannot be shelved by putting a heavy foot upon doubtful practices. What is wanted is the something more which comes when men at the head of a great department have to justify their administration, and when they know they are free from political pressure.

THE MURRAY WATERS.

It is not difficult to understand the anger of South Australia at Victoria's action in regard to the Murray waters agreement. Although having an interest in the Murray hardly as great as that of either Victoria or New South Wales, the middle State feels the relative disadvantage of her position as the "down river" partner, in the absence of a specific bond that those above will not divert more than their share before the water reaches her boundary. At present she has before her the spectacle, on the one hand, of New South Wales preparing to make large diversions from the Murrumbidgee to serve the Barren Jack irrigation scheme, while, on the other, Victoria, which already is levying for existing irrigation works, getting ready for even larger appropriations from the tributaries on her side as well as from the mother river direct. If, therefore, in the absence of a binding agreement, South Australia is apprehensive as to the consequences to herself of further delays, it is scarcely a matter for wonder. If now she persists in her expressed determination to proceed against Victoria in the High Court, the action will serve the good purpose at least of invoking an authoritative declaration as to the riparian rights of the States under the Constitution. At present there is room for varying opinions as to the minimum which South Australia can force the upper States to let her have, irrespective of any agreement. In a matter of such vital importance to the communities concerned it may even save serious friction in the future to have the exact legal position determined at this juncture. To that extent, therefore, a reference to the High Court is, perhaps, to be welcomed. But this does not dispose of South Australia's irritation at delays which have not been of her own making. From the commencement of the negotiations she has been called upon to make concessions. We must not forget that the last draft agreement was reviewed at the instance of Victoria, and modifications made which gave to the upper States substantially all that Victoria thought they should have. But although New South Wales and South Australia were ready to ratify this modified agreement, Victoria again balked at the last minute. She has now appointed a Royal Commission of her own, composed of politicians, to go into all the questions of stream flow and allotment of waters, which have been already most exhaustively dealt with by the original commission of experts, on which she was adequately represented. It may be urged that the matter is one of such immense importance that too much consideration cannot precede definite action, and, no doubt, there is a great deal to be said for this view. If the commission just appointed can bring any new facts of value, or emphasise any important phase which previously has been overlooked, it may justify itself. But we doubt if any amount of consideration, or any reading of the Constitution, can dispose of the equitable claim of South Australia to have her interest in the river as a highway reasonably recognised.

NAVIES OF THE AIR.

The appointment of a departmental committee, with Lord Rayleigh at its head, to advise the Admiralty and War Office as to the construction of various types of airships is one of the signs of the times that show how near we are to the actual conquest of the air, and how keenly we are beginning to appreciate the fact that the coming lord of the air may be lord of the land and sea also. At last the British Government seems to be providing funds for experiment on a considerable scale. Even the most conservative critics admit that aerial scouting must play a large part in the next war, and those not so conservative see in the aeroplane and dirigible balloon formidable weapons of offence. It is not true to say that England has been blind to these developments. The army aeroplane, one test of which we heard of the other day, has been secretly experimented with for some months past, and as a matter of fact has flown repeatedly. The British dirigible balloon of the new type has also been flying well, though unlike the unfortunate Nulli Secundus, it is not built on a large scale. The visit of the Wrights is doubtless stirring up the aeroplanist—the language will soon want the word—to enthusiasm, and their six aeroplanes at the Aero Club's ground are sure to make a brave display. The most remarkable feat so far recorded of the Wrights is that of starting their machine from the bare ground without any assistance from starting rails. Nothing could be more significant of the enormous progress in the art of flying they have made. It is interesting to note that a Canadian aeroplane, apparently built on Dr. Graham Bell's principle, has been flying "with the greatest ease and grace," while quite a number of Continental aeroplanes are on the market, many with good records.

On the other hand, the airship of the dirigible balloon type has still its enthusiastic advocates, and we now hear that the regular German Airship line, promised some months ago, is to be definitely established next year. It is said that by 1912 Germany will have twenty-four ships of the Zeppelin type, capable of long flights, and that one factory can turn out eight ships a year. Recently the Government Zeppelin I. flew 150 miles in four hours, carrying a crew of [illegible] officers and men, with arms, ammunition, and stores. As soon as the news of this reached England, the Lord Mayor of London convened a meeting at the Mansion House to urge the taking up of aerial navigation as a great national development, and already the Aerial League of the Empire has done good work. At the beginning of April, Count Zeppelin had a remarkably successful flight of 160 miles, which lasted thirteen hours. He flew from Friedrichshafen to Munich. The disabilities of the craft, however, were well illustrated on this occasion, for Zeppelin was unable to land owing to a high wind. The elaborate breakfast that had been prepared was left untasted, and the whole day was spent in the airship, until finally Count Zeppelin, in despair, landed at a remote place in Bavaria. He, however, showed that his present type is a notable advance on his preceding ships, for he came to ground in safety during a violent storm, whereas formerly he had always to start from and alight on water. Still, the episode is characteristic of dirigibles, which must always be more or less unmanageable in a high wind. Meanwhile the question of artillery fire against dirigibles is engaging serious attention. Experts are divided as to the conditions in which a balloon can consider itself safe; as they are divided as to the damage it might be able to inflict. If more than three miles away, and with an elevation of a thousand feet, a dirigible would probably be immune from present shell-fire, but no doubt special shells and field guns will be forthcoming to equalise the struggle.

ANARCHY IN BUENOS AYRES.

The sudden strike of practically the whole of the labour of Buenos Ayres seems to have sprung up in a way fortunately impossible for the calmer-tempered Australian. The socialist celebrations of May passed off without any serious trouble in Europe, but the infection has been carried to the Argentine by the steady stream of low-grade European labour, Slav and Southern for the most part. In this anarchy finds an excellent culture medium, and is all the more active in that government seldom attains British ideals of stability. The May Day riots, however, do not appear to have been out of the ordinary, for only a dozen people are reported as having been killed—the list of minor casualties hardly counts. The trouble arose when it was found that the bodies of the killed had been removed by the police. Their comrades wished to give them a public funeral, but the authorities had, no doubt, good reason to believe that this would only lead to a further array of deaths. Incensed beyond measure, the socialists successfully appealed to the riotous element, and the result is a strike in which over 200,000 persons are engaged. It is impossible to suggest how long the disturbance may last, but meanwhile Argentine trade is paralysed. What a serious business this may be for the republic is seen when we remember that the estimated export surplus of wheat and flour for 1909 is no less than 3,100,000 tons, with 1,000,000 tons of linseed and 2,000,000 tons of maize. The country is buoyant enough not to have any labour troubles, and the recent £10,000,000 Argentine loan was over-subscribed in a few hours. But it must be admitted that little of the abundant prosperity finds its way to the labouring class. Labour conditions are bad, not only in the towns, but also in the great wheat-growing belts, the abundant supply of cheap European labour being exploited with scant regard to anything in the nature of a minimum wage. The socialist and the anarchist do not need to look far for arguments. Beyond that illiteracy abounds. "Civics" by no means form a part of the average Argentine school course, and the populace for the most part has yet to learn what is its share in responsible administration. Buenos Ayres, as is natural for a city of over a million of inhabitants of the type indicated, is never a particularly sedate place, and usually it is ready to riot on very little provocation. In these circumstances labour troubles quickly take on the aspect of civil war. Street fighting is prevalent, we are told, and this means that there will be considerable loss of life before it is all over, to say nothing of probable wanton destruction of property on a large scale. It is rather unfortunate for the gospel of the practical anarchist that he should thus have to leave ruin in his train, for which all the synthetic skill of his brother, the socialist, will find it hard to atone. It is only too plain that a social democracy that begins in this way is a social democracy that has come far too soon. Meantime the Argentine Government have plenty of resources with which to meet the situation, and the conflict can only have one end. Society may not be very wise or very virtuous, but it has, at any rate, learned to protect itself from disorders that would otherwise soon reduce it to chaos. Labour has its constitutional redress in the Argentine, as it has in Australia, and the sooner it learns to progress by law, instead of license, the sooner it will better a position that admittedly wants a good deal of improving.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

The Lord Mayor's Portrait.—It was announced at the meeting of the City Council's finance committee yesterday that the Government Analyst had discovered that the liquid which some malicious person threw over the Lord Mayor's portrait the other day is spirits of salts. The artist who painted the picture, Mr. Norman Carter, was not yet able to say whether the picture was seriously damaged or to estimate the cost of its restoration. The matter was left in the hands of the town clerk.

Educational Reform.—The general character of the whole question of educational reform will be discussed by Mr. G. H. Reid in an address to be delivered by him, under the auspices of the Sydney Evening Students' Association, in the vestibule of the Town Hall to-night. The chief point Mr. Reid proposes to make will be the need of a very decided development in the University of Sydney in the direction of closer touch with the practical industries of the State, and of closer touch with men of intellectual promise in the country districts. Mr. Reid will also make an earnest appeal for the extension of the fullest measure of University benefits to young men who are unable to attend lectures and laboratories during the day.

Widening Duke-street.—At yesterday's meeting of the City Council's finance committee it was decided to recommend the council to have an estimate prepared by the city assessor at a cost of not more than £75 of the expense of widening Duke-street. It was proposed to resume and re-form the street, which was declared to be a dangerous and unsatisfactory thoroughfare.

Self-denial with a Vengeance.—Mr. Wood, financial secretary to the Presbyterian Church, gave those assembled at the Home Mission evening, in St. Stephen's Church last night, his views on self-denial. The ladies were his first consideration, and he made them the starting point in a scheme for raising some thousands annually for church purposes. Each was to do with a frock less in the year, which he put down at the modest sum of £2. In making a suggestion about hats, he was really doing them a service. The thought was prompted by seeing various members of the congregation on divers windy days trying to steer their "Merry-widows" across George-street. By cutting those hats in two they would be benefiting both themselves and the church. Each half would make a very respectable whole, and there would be less obstruction of traffic. They could choose between doing with a hat less or with less hat. It would work out the same if two ladies combined. Then as to the men. Smokers were to put aside the price of two cigars weekly, or do with half an ounce of tobacco less. And those who rode in trams were to walk a penny section twice weekly. The net annual result worked out at over £3000.

Light Showers Inland.—During Wednesday night light showers fell at scattered places over a large area of the interior, including the country beyond the Darling and Riverina. In the majority of instances the registrations ranged between 1 and 10 points, the highest records being:—Cowra 13 points, and Carcoar Grenfell and Narrandera 11 points. The affected area may be described as that portion of the State situated to the southward of a line drawn from Wilcannia to Coolah. Threatening conditions ruled yesterday over the southern half of the State, where further showers are expected to-day.

The English Mail.—The Orient-Royal Mail Company's R.M.S. Orient, from London bound to Sydney, arrived at Fremantle at 6.35 a.m. yesterday, and resumed her voyage for Adelaide at 12.40 p.m. She brings mails bearing the date of London, April 9, which will, it is anticipated, arrive here in time for delivery on Wednesday.

The Late Sanitary Inspector.—The City Council's finance committee yesterday considered an application by the late inspector of nuisances, Mr. Duncan, for a retiring allowance. After some discussion, it was decided to refuse the application.

Sand Stealers at Centennial Park.—From time to time prosecutions have been instituted at the Paddington court against persons for the unauthorised removal of sand from the Centennial Park lands. Yesterday a defendant came before the court, and was fined £2. Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., in imposing the fine, remarked upon the frequency of the offence, and said that future delinquents might look forward to the imposition of a much heavier penalty. The bylaw provided for a maximum fine of £50, and if the practice continued he might, in view of the extensive damage caused by the removal of sand, see his way clear to make the penalty more thoroughly deterrent than had previously been the case.

A correspondent, writing with reference to the question of repairing the Bathurst-road, Springwood, states that the Minister has power under the Local Government Act to compel the shire council to repair the road.

We have received from the publishers the April number of the "Art Journal," containing a fine frontispiece and articles on Boudin, Jewellery, Kipling's Country, and Fair Women, all excellently illustrated.

The first issue of the "New Magazine," an illustrated publication devoted to short stories, has been forwarded to us. It contains a number of excellent photo reproductions.

A correspondent complains of larrikins in Enmore creating a nuisance by ringing up residents on the telephone, and using bad language to those who reply.

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSOR.

REV. R. G. MACINTYRE APPOINTED.

The Presbyterian General Assembly yesterday morning unanimously conferred upon the Rev. R. G. Macintyre, M.A., B.D., the high honour of the Professorship of Systematic Theology and Apologetics.

Professor Macintyre was well known and liked as minister of the Presbyterian parish of Woollahra. But he will now cease to hold the charge, and takes up the new honour and dignity at some pecuniary sacrifice. The appointment came about by the assembly the previous day selecting a committee to confer with the council of St. Andrew's College at its request, upon the choice of a successor to the late Rev. Dr. Kinross. As a result of the conference, the Rev. R. G. Macintyre was nominated for the chair of English language and literature in the College of St. Andrew's, within the University of Sydney, and was also elected to the chair of systematic theology, apologetics, and Christian ethics in the Theological Hall.

The relations between St. Andrew's College and Theological Hall and the Presbyterian Church originally came about in the manner following. The General Assembly originated St. Andrew's College by appointing a provisional committee, which prepared a bill, and got it through Parliament. The college has always been autonomous. The first council was elected by the subscribers, and the Act makes the council, together with any students who keep their names on the books, to be electors for all councillors after the first. The first object of the college was to be a college of residence, but it was also to have facilities for the training of theological students. And it was the council of St. Andrew's that took the first steps for establishing a theological hall. When the Hunter-Baillie legacy for two professorships of history and English literature was awarded by the courts of St. Andrew's the council requested the General Assembly to make attendance on the lectures of these professors a necessary part of the course of theological students, and invited them to nominate a third man for the Hebrew chair. This the assembly did, and the council duly appointed its nominee, and then the assembly made the Hunter-Baillie professor of Hebrew first a lecturer and then a professor in the Theological Hall on that subject. With regard to the chair of English language and literature, it was resolved to give instruction, especially on the relation of these subjects to religion. The council then appointed Dr. Kinross to the professorship, and when he ceased to be principal of the college, the assembly made him, as Hunter-Baillie professor, professor of apologetics and Christian ethics in the hall. Professor Macintyre was born in Victoria in 1863, but was educated in Scotland. He underwent a preliminary training in law, and graduated in arts and divinity at the Edinburgh University. His first charge was in Birkenhead, England, and his second in Dumfries, Scotland. It is only six years since he took charge of the Woollahra parish. He is the author of a Bible Class Primer on Elijah and Elisha in a series edited by the late Principal Salmond, of Aberdeen. He is the business convener of the General Assembly, and also of the General Assembly of Australia. He will be inducted into the professorship next Wednesday in St. Stephen's Church.

STOLEN GOLD IN SYDNEY.

VICTORIAN POLICE OFFICER'S CONTENTION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Sergeant McKenna, of Bendigo, who has been very active in the local crusade against illicit gold-stealing, has just returned from a visit to Sydney, where he made inquiries into the traffic. He will submit a report to Superintendent Sainsbury. It is understood he has discovered that gold has found its way to the Sydney Mint which might never have got there had the New South Wales legislation on the matter been more restrictive. At present gold can be illegally obtained in Victoria and disposed of with comparative ease in New South Wales. While this exists it makes it difficult to suppress the traffic in Victoria.

LOST IN THE BUSH.

HOBART, Thursday.

Edward Alexander, aged 70 years, was found to-day on Dr. Muir's selection, between Smart and Big Creek-road, near Wynyard, a quarter of a mile from the main road. He was lying in a hollow tree, and was in a weak state. He was brought into Wynyard for medical treatment. He had been missing since Saturday, and 26 men were searching for him.

TO-DAY.

Mr. W. M. Hughes: Randwick Town Hall, 8.
Mr. G. H. Reid: Town Hall Vestibule, 8.
Dreadnought Fund: Newtown Town Hall, 8.
Presbyterian Assembly: St. Stephen's, 10 and 7.30.
Wirth's Circus: George-street West, 8.
Royal: "An Englishman's Home," 8.15.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Jack and Jill," 7.45.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 and 7.30.
Criterion Theatre: "The Hypocrites," 8.
Palace Theatre: "In the Ranks," 7.50.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 7.45.
Clay's Vaudeville: Masonic Hall, North Sydney, 8.
Zoological Gardens and Aquarium: 10.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Pictures, 8.
Exhibition Building: Roller Skating, 8.
Fairyland: Circular Quay, 10 and 1.30.
Spencer's Theatrescope: Lyceum, 8.
W.C.T.U. Convention: Lyceum, 10.15.
M.U.L.O.O.F.: Annual Conference, 10.

PERSONAL.

The Prime Minister, telegraphed our Adelaide correspondent last night, accompanied by Senator McGregor, Mr. Hutchison, and the State Minister for Education (Mr. Coneybeer) motored to Mt. Lofty this morning to visit the Premier, Mr. Price, whose condition shows no improvement. Mr. Fisher lunched with the Governor, and in the afternoon met a deputation from the Northern Territory League.

The Federal Attorney-General (Mr. Hughes) has arranged to address a public meeting in the Randwick Town Hall to-night. On Monday he leaves by express for Melbourne. He will address a public meeting at Wangaratta on Tuesday night, and may speak at Beechworth on the following evening. Mr. Hughes expects to return to Sydney on the following Saturday.

The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) left by express last night for Melbourne.

Mr. C. L. Jones, one of the directors and advertising manager of David Jones, Limited, left Sydney yesterday by the German steamer Prinz Waldemar for the Far East, on his way to London, via Siberia. Mr. Jones, who is accompanied by Mrs. Jones, will take charge of the London establishment of David Jones, Limited. Mr. Jones is well known in artistic and yachting circles, his yacht Thelma representing New South Wales in the last races for the Sayonara Cup.

Yesterday morning there died an old president of the Methodist Conference, Rev. Joseph Spence. He was born in Ireland, and spent the early years of his life in a large business house. He came to Australia in 1865, and joined the Methodist ministry in Victoria. He was appointed to circuit in Victoria and South Australia till 1873, when he went to Queensland. He worked in Brisbane, Rockhampton, Maryborough, and Gympie, and was in charge of the book concern in Brisbane and missionary secretary for the State. In 1889 he came to New South Wales—first to West Maitland, and afterwards to Randwick, Waverley, and St. Leonards. He was president of the Methodist Conference in 1894, and went as Australian representative to the Ecumenical Conference at Washington in 1891. Since retiring from active work he had been living in Mosman, and for the last three years had been in charge of the book depot in George-street. Mr. Spence was spoken of by Methodists as one of the mots highly respected men in the ministry. At the convention of the W.C.T.U. yesterday a resolution of sympathy with his daughters was passed. He left two sons and two daughters. His wife, who was born in the Channel Islands, died in Queensland.

Last night Mr. Chung Ling Soo was the guest of the Lord Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor), at his residence at Darlinghurst. The Chinese conjurer entertained the Lord Mayor and the city aldermen with a number of sleight-of-hand tricks.

At a meeting of the North Coast S. N. Company on Wednesday, Mr. C. T. Metcalfe was appointed a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. T. R. Allt.

Mr. Nobbs, M.L.A. for Strathfield, was presented last night by the Mayor of Strathfield, Alderman Mackenzie, at the conclusion of the Dreadnought meeting at the local Town Hall, with an oil-painting of himself, on behalf of the member's local friends. The painting is the work of the Strathfield council clerk, Mr. Thew.

The death is announced from New Zealand of Mr. D. M. Luckie, for many years Deputy Commissioner of the Government Life Insurance Department of New Zealand, from which he retired last year. He was connected with journalism in his youn

BUDGET DEBATE CLOSED.

THE BURDENS ON BREWERS.

DISAPPEARING PROFITS.

LABOUR SUPPORTS INCREASES.

LONDON, May 6.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, leader of the Opposition, in the course of the debate on the Budget last night, presented corrected figures, showing that Whitbread and Company, brewers of London, by the new burdens proposed to be imposed by the Government on licenses would pay £2000 more than is distributed to ordinary shareholders of the company.

Mr. P. Snowden (Labour) welcomed the Budget, because it took from the rich to give to the poor. His object was to make the poor richer, and the rich poorer. There was no other way under heaven whereby the poor could be made better off.

Mr. Asquith, Prime Minister, justified the Budget as in accordance with freetrade. It was adequate, he said, to meet the necessities of 1909, and the necessities of future years, without taxing the necessaries of life.

Mr. Asquith described spirits and tobacco as luxuries, or superfluities. He predicted that the consolidation of licenses and the raising of prices would ensure the stability and prosperity of the brewing industry.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, severely criticised the proposed destruction of the old sinking fund, and the increase in the income tax.

Mr. Masterman, Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board, said he could not agree with Mr. Snowden that the poorer classes should pay no taxes.

The closure of the debate was voted by a majority of 107 votes, the division being:—

Ayes	308
Noes	201

The announcement to the division was received with cries of "Resign!" "Withdraw the Budget."

The resolution reimposing the duty of 5s per lb. on tea was agreed to by 332 votes to 179.

Mr. S. Whitbread, chairman of directors of Whitbread and Co., in a letter to the "Times," instances two breweries who must hereafter pay £104,745 increased licenses, though their annual profit only amounts to £61,300.

STOCK EXCHANGE OBJECTION.

A committee of the Stock Exchange has informed Mr. Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, that some of the Budget proposals are open to grave objections.

Mr. Lloyd-George has offered to receive a deputation on the subject on May 13.

"GRAFT" IN AMERICA.

THE PITTSBURG CASES.

EXEMPLARY SENTENCES.

LONDON, May 6.

Further progress has been made in the charges of "graft" (corruption), due to the passage through the Municipal Council of Pittsburg (U.S.A.) of the bond ordinances. Ramsey, a former president of the German National Bank, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, and a fine of 1000 dollars (£200) on a charge of bribery; Klein, a municipal councillor, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and the payment of a fine of 1000 dollars; two former councillors to 18 months' imprisonment, and fines of 500 dollars each; and three citizens to two years' imprisonment, and fines of 500 dollars each.

The charges against the town councillors of Pittsburg refer to corruption on various matters. £3500 was paid by the German National Bank to secure the transference to the bank of the Allegheny Bridges. The councillors were paid £9000 to authorise the construction of a filtration plant for water supply. One witness swore that a councillor had hinted that there were only six members of the Council who could not be bribed. A certain Pittsburg avenue was to be payed with wooden blocks, and the understanding was that the councillors were to have £2000 to divide, to be paid by the contractor. An alleged partner was introduced to a councillor, who some time and again applied the contractor, and said: "It's coming to Christmas time, and the boys want their money." The councillor was told by the contractor to come to the Fort Pitt Hotel at a certain hour that afternoon, when the money would be ready. The councillor walked into the trap. "Come right in," said a detective, who was playing the part of the complaisant contractor. Whereupon the councillor entered and sat down at a table opposite. The "contractor," opening his bill book, began to count out notes of 100dol. and 500dol. denomination to the hungry member of the Pittsburg Council, who grabbed them, and in his turn began counting them. Then a flash came, the room was filled with bright flame, followed by smoke, and the terror-stricken councillor knew that he had been the object of a flashlight photograph, and he found himself looking into the muzzle of a revolver held by the supposed contractor. "Drop it," said the man holding the "gun," nodding at the money. The councillor tried to hold the notes, but was choked and thrown out of the room by other detectives, who had been in hiding and manipulating the flashlight. On being developed the pictures came out well. One of them is said to have been taken in Washington, and shown to Mr. Roosevelt, who laughed loud and long, and extracted a promise that after the Pittsburg prosecutors had finished with the photo he should have it for his private collection.

CANADIAN LOAN BILL.

FOR GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

LONDON, May 5.

The Canadian House of Commons has passed a Loan Bill of £2,000,000 for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

NEW YORK AND CHICAGO.

LONDON, May 5.

Wireless telegraphic stations have been erected on the roofs of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, and the Auditorium Annex, Chicago. Press messages have been exchanged.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S HOLIDAY.

SHOOTING BIG GAME.

LONDON, May 5.

Mr. Roosevelt, who is enjoying a holiday in British East Africa, shot six lions, and his son, Kermit, one.

SHOOTING AN INTRUDER.

LONDON, May 5.

The Grand Jury of British Columbia has found no true bill against Lord Sholto Douglas, who was charged with shooting an intruder in his house in November last.

THE WOOL SALES.

ANIMATED BIDDING.

LONDON, May 5.

At the wool sales this afternoon bidding was animated.

Merinos were fully 5 per cent. above March rates, and crossbreds were strong at yesterday's advance.

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At the wool sales yesterday prices realised for the clips mentioned were: Panikau, 8¾d; Minilya, 8¼d; Ruru, 8¾d; Dartmoor, 9¼d; Genrie, 10¼d; Nive Downs, 11¾d; Auburn, 14¼d.

NEW TURKISH CABINET.

OF LIBERAL VIEWS.

LONDON, May 6.

Hilmi Pasha, who is acceptable to the Committee of Union and Progress, has formed a Cabinet at Constantinople, in succession to the Ministry of Tewfik Pasha. The Cabinet is as follows:—

HILMI PASHA	Grand Vizier.
MULLAH SAHID ..	Sheikh-ul-Islam.
RIFAAT BEY	Foreign Affairs.
FERID PASHA	Interior.
VICE-ADMIRAL ALIF HIKMET ...	Marine.
SALIHI PASHA	War.
NAIB BEY	Public Instruction.

Mullah Sahid, the Sheikh-ul-Islam, is a distinguished theologian of liberal views. Naib Bey (Minister for Education) is a member of the Committee of Union and Progress.

SIR EDWARD GREY'S EULOGY.

DISCIPLINE AND DETERMINATION.

LONDON, May 6.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, speaking at a meeting of the Newspaper Society, complimented the Turkish Constitutional party on its remarkable discipline and determination. He said he believed that that party would labour to establish effective civil administration, based on order and justice, throughout Turkey.

LATE SULTAN'S HOARD.

DISCOVERIES AT YILDIZ KIOSK.

LONDON, May 6.

The Commission of the Turkish Parliament which is examining Yildiz Kiosk, the residence of the late Sultan Abdul Hamid, discovered £450,000 in bank notes, a rosary worth £75,000, and receipts for £1,000,000 deposited in foreign banks.

THE NAVY.

UNCHALLENGED AND UNCHALLENGEABLE.

LONDON, May 6.

Mr. T. J. Macnamara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, speaking at Hartlepool last night, affirmed that the navy was in a position of unchallenged and unchallengeable supremacy, and that the Government was determined to maintain that position.

CONTRACT FOR A DREADNOUGHT.

A NEW FIRM.

Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Ltd., Greenock, has contracted for the construction of one of the four Dreadnoughts to be laid down for the British Navy this year.

[Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company has built many merchant vessels, but hitherto only one war vessel, the armoured cruiser Argyll, 10,850 tons, for the British Navy.]

PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION.

TARIFF REFORMER RETURNED.

LONDON, May 5.

A by-election for the Stratford-on-Avon division of Warwickshire was held yesterday, and resulted:—

P. S. Foster (Tariff Reformer) ...	5374
Martin (Radical)	2747
Captain M. Kincaid-Smith (Liberal)	479

Captain Kincaid-Smith resigned and sought re-election on the policy of compulsory military training, but the electoral issue turned on tariff reform and the navy. Mr. Martin is an ex-Canadian.

[Captain Kincaid-Smith, in season and out of season, has advocated compulsory military service. At the general election in 1906 he defeated Mr. P. S. Foster (Conservative) by only 148 votes, the polling being: Captain Kincaid-Smith 5221, Mr. P. S. Foster 4173. In the previous Parliament the constituency was represented by a Conservative, first by Captain Victor Milward, and subsequently by Mr. Foster.]

DEFEATED MEMBER'S APOSTACY.

NOW A TARIFF REFORMER.

LONDON, May 5.

Captain Kincaid-Smith attributes his defeat to the impossibility of fighting single-handed two great parties. He adds that since the Budget was introduced he has become convinced of the necessity of tariffs, and he now avows himself a fiscal reformer.

CHICAGO WHEAT GAMBLE.

FURTHER ADVANCE.

LONDON, May 6.

May wheat in Chicago yesterday sold at 1.29½ dollars (5/4½), and July wheat at 1.17½ dollars (4/10 5-8), a bushel, an advance of 1½ cent.

Mr. Patten, who made great profits by his speculations in April, made extensive purchases in July wheat.

PERSIAN CONSTITUTION.

GRANTED BY SHAH.

LONDON, May 5.

The Shah has issued a proclamation granting the restoration of the Constitution of Persia.

The general elections are to be completed by July 19.

NATIONALIST VICTORY.

KAZVIN SUBMITS.

LONDON, May 4.

Nationalists from Resht, in Northern Persia, entered Kazvin, 76 miles south by east of the former town, and defeated the Governor and garrison after 20 Royalists had been killed.

ENGLISH SPORTING.

THE CHESTER CUP.

LONDON, May 5.

The chief event at the Chester meeting to-day was the following:—

CHESTER CUP (handicap), of 2550 sovs (a cup value of 50 sovs, and the remainder in specie); the owner of the second to receive 300 sovs, and the owner of the third 200 sovs out of the race; for three-year-olds and upwards; winners extra. Old cup course, nearly 2½m. (38 entries). Closed March 16, 1909.

Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's b c Santo Strato, by Victor Wild or St. Frusquin—Pie Powder, 4yrs 1

Mr. William Clark's b or br h All Black, by Gallinule—Vortex, 5yrs 2

Mr. Spencer Gollan's b c, by Collar—Trailerie, 4yrs 3

STRIKE IN BUENOS AYRES.

A VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION.

LONDON, May 5.

When the strikers in Buenos Ayres assembled at the morgue to attend the funeral of their comrades who were killed during the disturbances on May Day they found the police had surreptitiously removed the bodies.

A violent demonstration followed, and attacks were made on the tramcars.

AERONAUTICS.

BRITISH OFFICER'S INVENTION.

VISIT OF WRIGHT BROTHERS.

LONDON, May 5.

Captain J. W. Dunne, of the Royal Engineers, the inventor of an aeroplane, mysteriously tested it among some hills in Scotland, one flight covering a distance of twelve miles.

For this reason the War Office did not approach the Wright Brothers earlier.

Messrs. Wright Brothers on Monday visited Mr. R. B. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, and yesterday inspected six of their aeroplanes, which are being constructed at the Aero Club's grounds, Island of Shippey.

The British Army's new type of dirigible balloon made a successful flight at Aldershot.

A GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

ADVISORY AND EXPERIMENTAL.

LONDON, May 6.

The Government has appointed a committee, with Lord Rayleigh as chairman, to advise the Admiralty and the War Office on the construction of balloons and aeroplanes.

Funds have been provided for experiments.

[The need for advice being given to the British Government on aeronautical matters is strikingly shown in an article in the "Times." The writer points out that at Farnborough (the military aeronautical factory) practically the same staff is asked to produce balloons, dirigible balloons, and aeroplanes. In France and Germany each section of the work is handed over to specialists, for in effect the three types of aerial vessels require separate factories, and men specially trained to their particular requirements. The factory and surroundings at Farnborough are quite unsuited for the development of the aeroplane, and are not even well adapted for dirigible balloons. The existing shed can harbour one small-sized dirigible and one aeroplane with difficulty, but would be unable to give proper shelter to a dirigible of the proportions now deemed requisite by the best authorities. As for the single aeroplane stationed there, it has to be taken out sideways through the narrow door, entailing a great waste of time. The surroundings of the factory are such that the machine can never be fully tested without grave risk of accident, and thus our aviators cannot be properly trained there. Until we have highly trained men no machine, however satisfactory, will be safe in their hands, and useful and novel ideas can never be thoroughly tested. Painful economy is to be noticed in the old gas bags utilised for the dirigibles, and in the many patches in the fabric as it is transferred from one plane to another. The engines used are not as modern as they might be, and orders for new ones are sparingly given; whereas the factory ought to contain specimens of almost every well known aerial engine and aeroplane, in order that comparative trials might be made. It is, indeed, little short of madness to hope that with the expenditure of a few thousand pounds a year our authorities can keep pace with other nations, who have attacked the new problem in a scientific and businesslike manner.]

INFANTICIDE BILL.

RECORDING THE DEATH SENTENCE.

LONDON, May 6.

A bill introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Alverstone, the Lord Chief Justice, simply to record without pronouncing the death sentence in cases of child murder by mothers when the mothers are not likely to be executed, was read the second time yesterday by 75 votes to 18.

EUCHARISTIC VESTMENTS.

AN ADVERSE PETITION.

LONDON, May 6.

A petition signed by 41,616 clergy and laity has been prepared for convocation against the use of eucharistic vestments.

GERMAN FINANCE.

PRINCE BULOW'S THREAT.

LONDON, May 6.

Prince Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor, is determined to resign unless the German Reichstag accepts the basis of his financial policy before Whitsuntide (the end of May).

In order to square accounts, the German Government proposed £25,000,000 of new taxation, but the committee of the Reichstag has, up to the present, agreed to only £5,000,000. The difficulty rests in the form in which it is to be raised, whether it shall be by direct taxes, including legacy duties as the Government proposes, or by indirect methods. The dispute threatens the break up of the bloc, the combination of Parliamentary groups upon which Prince Bulow's power has hitherto rested, and his threat to resign has for its object the bringing of pressure to bear upon recalcitrant members, who are afraid that in the present position of German politics Prince Bulow is almost indispensable.

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES.

LONDON, May 5.

The R.M.S. Marama has arrived at Victoria (B.C.).

The Canadian Club entertained the delegates to the Imperial Press Conference at a banquet.

EXPLORERS MURDERED.

ON THRESHOLD OF THIBET.

LONDON, May 6.

A tribe on the Upper Salwin, Yunnan, murdered Herren Brunhuber and Schmits, German explorers, who were going to Thibet.

THE POPE AND MODERNISM.

LONDON, May 6.

The Pope urges the clergy to fight against modernism.

THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

LONDON, May 6.

Mr. R. M'Kenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, informed Mr. W. H. K. Redmond in the House of Commons last night that the proposals of the Commonwealth Government for the construction of an Australian fleet were being considered.

CRICKETERS AT LORD'S.

COTTER BOWLING WELL.

LONDON, May 5.

Fine, bright weather prevailed this morning, and there were many spectators at Lord's, where the Australian cricketers practised for an hour and a half.

All are in good form. Cotter is bowling well.

M'Alister, Hopkins, and Carkeek are not going to Nottingham.

A. C. Maclaren will captain the English teams in the test matches. F. S. Jackson was asked to do so, but he was unable to accept the office.

The appointment of A. C. MacLaren as captain indicates that he is a certainty for all the test matches. Last year he played on few occasions, appearing in about a dozen matches for an average of 28.73, and his highest score was 77. MacLaren, however, is a man who can hardly be judged on averages. He is strongest when big results are required—he rises to the occasion, and he generally excels against the Australians. For years he has been one of England's foremost batsmen, and he has often captained England against Australia.

LATEST EDITION

AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.

THE FIRST MATCH.

AGAINST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

HOME TEAM BATTING.

A STAND BY JONES.

SIX WICKETS FOR 168.

LONDON, May 6, 4.15 p.m.

The Australian cricket team opened its tour to-day with a match against Nottinghamshire at Nottingham.

Hartigan, Macartney, M'Alister, Hopkins, and Carkeek are omitted from the Australian team.

The elevens are: —

Australia: M. A. Noble (captain), S. E. Gregory, V. Trumper, A. Cotter, H. Carter, W. Bardsley, W. W. Armstrong, F. Ransford, J. A. O'Connor, W. J. Whitty, and F. Laver.

Nottinghamshire: A. O. Jones, J. Iremonger, J. Gunn, G. Gunn, J. Hardstaff, W. Payton, T. Wass, A. W. Hallam, T. Oates, C. James, E. Alletson.

The weather is fine, and the wicket fast.

Notts won the toss, and decided to bat, opening with G. Gunn and Jones, Cotter and Armstrong bowling. In the first over G. Gunn hit Cotter for three. Gunn having scored 9 played Armstrong on to his wicket. Just previously he had hit the ball to the boundary. The innings had lasted twenty-five minutes, and the batting was quiet. Jones had in this time scored 8. One wicket for 17.

Hardstaff joined Jones, and the play became faster, the score being doubled in less than 10 minutes. When he was 20 Jones narrowly escaped being run out, Cotter failing to handle the ball. With the score at 41 Hardstaff, who was 7, missed hitting Armstrong to square leg and was clean bowled. Jones' score was now 25. Two for 41.

John Gunn was next man in, and O'Connor took the ball in place of Cotter. Gunn scored a single, and then hit in his first over O'Connor to cover point, where Gregory failed to hold the ball. Jones continued to score rapidly, and inside of 90 minutes he had obtained 50. With the total at 91 Jones was 53, and J. Gunn 22.

The century was hoisted after 95 minutes' play. When he was 30 Gunn gave a chance off Armstrong near the boundary at long on, but Laver misjudged the ball. Following this, Noble went on in place of Armstrong, and soon after O'Connor gave way to Cotter. In his first over Cotter bowled Gunn, who had obtained 37 by clean hitting. Three wickets for 122; Jones, not out, 69.

The third wicket had added 81 runs in 70 minutes.

The adjournment for lunch was made at this stage.

After lunch the attendance increased to 6000. Payten filled the vacancy, and the bowling was entrusted to O'Connor and Cotter. Eighteen runs were added in three overs, and then Cotter bowled Payten, knocking over the middle stump. The departing batsman had hit up 12, and Jones was 74, the board showing four wickets for 145.

Iremonger followed. A period of quiet play succeeded, Jones played with restraint, with an occasional good hit. When the captain's score was 94 Iremonger, who had obtained 7, was stumped by Carter off Whitty. Five for 168.

James was next man in, and was caught easily in the slips by Trumper, off Whitty, before scoring. Six for 168.

Scores:—

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—First Innings.

G. Gunn, b Armstrong	9
A. O. Jones, not out	94
J. Hardstaff, b Armstrong	7
J. Gunn, b Cotter	37
W. Payten, b Cotter	12
J. Iremonger, st Carter, b Whitty ..	7
C. James, c Trumper, b Whitty	0
Sundries	2
Six wickets for	168

THE DULACCA TRAGEDY.

RELATION OF DICKSON AND PRING.

STOLEN WEDDING PRESENTS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The inquiry into the death of Herbert Frederick Pring, the victim of the Dulacca tragedy, was continued at Roma to-day. Acting Sergeant Joyce deposed that he went to the Dulacca Hotel with Constable Bell, and saw Dickson. Constable Bell wrote a statement dictated by Dickson, which Dickson signed. The statement occupied five pages of foolscap. Dickson stated that Pring was in his employment for four months. About two weeks prior to April 2 his place at Dulacca was broken into, and a quantity of silverware stolen. He reported to the police that he suspected Pring. On March 8, in consequence of Pring disobeying orders, he told him he could go. On the morning of the 9th Pring asked to be paid off. He went over to the hotel with Pring, worked out the latter's account at £6 11s 5d, which Pring admitted right, but wanted a month's pay in lieu of notice. As a result he and Pring fought outside the hotel. The next he saw of Pring was at his (Dickson's) butcher's shop, with Charlie Booth. He told Pring he could not claim a month's pay in lieu of notice. The three then went out to the hotel, and had a drink. He gave Pring a cheque for £11 11s 5d, including £5 in lieu of a month's notice. Subsequently he gave Pring cash for that amount. He forgot to ask Pring to give him the cheque back, nor did Pring offer it. During most of that day he was occupied in mustering cattle. He returned to the railway station about 5.30 p.m., and met Constable Gray from Miles. Next day he proceeded to his selection, the Lagoons, with the object of intercepting Pring, and asking him for the cheque, and also to get him off the place. He met Pring riding a chestnut mare and leading a chestnut gelding. Pring informed him he would have been off the place long before if he could have got the horses. Dickson asked for the cheque. Pring said it was in his swag in town. He would give it to him as soon he got the swag. Dickson said he would assist Pring, although he expected he would be sorry afterwards. Subsequently Dickson bought one of Pring's horses, and paid him £11. He saw Pring off the place. Pring started in the direction of Marr's Gully, towards the railway line, riding the chestnut gelding and leading the chestnut mare. The swag was at Dickson's butcher's shop five days after Pring leaving his employment, but it disappeared one night during Dickson's absence. Dickson did not open the swag to get his cheque, but he stopped payment. He had not been notified that the cheque had been presented for payment. After parting from Pring Dickson rode to a fence near the house, and found the wires broken in two places, and fresh cattle tracks going through. Later, Booth found seven head of cattle outside Dickson's fence. Dickson's opinion was that Pring broke the fence and drove the cattle through for spite. Since Pring had been in his employ he ((Dickson) had missed 23 head of cattle. He suspected Pring of removing them.

Constable Bell corroborated the evidence of the previous witness, and further stated that he investigated the theft of Dickson's wedding presents, and discovered a portion at Dulacca railway station.

The inquiry was adjourned till to-morrow.

ALLEGED RAILWAY THEFTS.

TWO ARRESTS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

Two men were arrested by the police to-night following on complaints of robberies of goods from the railway in transit between Darling Harbour and Newcastle. One of the men is charged with stealing, and the other, who is a well-known storekeeper in the district, with receiving.

BARRIER TURMOIL.

RECOGNITION OF UNIONISM.

REMISSION OF SENTENCES SOUGHT.

REDUCTION OF LICENSE FEES.

A WILD THREAT.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The industrial position has not improved. The mass meeting last night emphasised two things on the same basis as Port Pirie, that there must be full recognition of unionism, and that no leaders should be penalised. A show of hands was asked for as to whether a ballot should be taken on these matters. The voting was small, but only one hand was held up in favour of a ballot. However, this morning an official announcement was issued that a ballot would be taken on Saturday and Sunday, though it is freely admitted that an endeavour is being made to upset the decision. Matters, therefore, remain pretty well as they were.

No new men went on to Block 10 to-day. One man who is connected with a labour organisation sought to do so, but was prevented. The shift bosses who daily go to and from the mine are now being subject to insult from the picket, though not molestation. The father of one of the pickets and the brother of another are among the twelve officials who have answered to the company's call. The residences of the men on the mine are under police protection. This protection is also being given still to various business places in the city.

The A.M.A. has decided that immediate steps be taken to secure the remission of the sentences passed on J. Lyons and V. Shipley. The Association has also decided,—"That all delegates on the combined unions be pledged to support all questions sent on from the A.M.A."

Mr. Peter Bowling, of Newcastle, is expected to visit Broken Hill next week at the request of the A.M.A. and combined unions.

Business men are very disturbed at the latest attitude of the unions concerning the resumption of work. They say freely that the mining companies will not give way on the two points raised since the High Court's decision, i.e. men, it is argued, have obtained what they asked the Court for. Why then should they refuse to accept the work that is offered? New points altogether have been brought forward. The question of preference to unionists was brought forward at the conferences with the managers in November and December, and was then wiped off the agreement. If the Proprietary and Block 10 granted this now they would be granting more than the other mines.

The Licensing Court views the commercial situation so seriously that it has reduced the license fee on various hotels, including the two chief hotels in Argent-street. Shopkeepers are further reducing their hands.

The unionists' paper, in a leading article to-day, entitled "Union Smashing," indulges in the following violent language:—"Now a word of warning. It will not be wise for the mining management to go too far in this boycott business. There are more ways than one to deal with them. Sooner or later retribution will fall upon them if they insist upon their evil victimisation. It is certain a few policemen armed with pick handles or even carbines could not save them if the miners are once goaded to plan and carry out revenge, and this paper will remind the miners of the wrongs they have suffered when the opportunity for an effective answer comes along. We trust no justification will be given for such action, but that the unions will be recognised, and no one victimised."

BAN OF EXCOMMUNICATION.

UNIONISTS' PROPOSAL.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Speaking at last night's mass meeting, Mr. T. Hogan said it would be appalling to him if any unionist went to work if the men who had been fighting their cause were to be victimised.

Mr. R. Hewitt, who displayed and waved the historic flag captured in the riots of January 9, said that those who proposed victimisation were conspiring to deprive the leaders of their living, and he would not be surprised if such conduct were not brought before the Arbitration Court. The time had arrived when they had got to take stronger measures. In the old days, when a man did anything wrong against the Church they excommunicated him, and those who supplied him with food and water were excommunicated also. The time had arrived when they should issue a ban of excommunication against the men who were going into the mines. They would have to show those bosses that there was a power and a force in public opinion that they could not stand up against.

THE BLOCK 10.

DIRECTORS' ATTITUDE.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Mr. F. S. Low, general manager of the Block 10, to-day received a letter from his directors in answer to the request or demand of the combined unions. The directors in reply state:—"In reply to your letter of the 1st inst, I have to inform you that the board consider that questions 1 and 2 involve matters of policy on which they are not disposed to discuss with the combined unions or any other person; but they state that as to the men to be employed these will be engaged as heretofore by the general manager. At the same time the board are anxious that the mine should be in full work at the earliest moment possible. The board are also of opinion that there is no necessity to sign the agreement, and that it will be time enough to deal with any differences if and when the same arise."

The questions whether the mine would be worked to its capacity or not, and whether any of the leaders would be penalised, are regarded as matters of policy; and the directors are not disposed to discuss them with the combined unions or any other person.

Mr. Low has communicated to the combined unions' committee the contents of this letter, and the unions will consider them.

POSITION AT PORT PIRIE.

WHARF-LABOURERS' DECISION.

PICKETING AN HOTEL.

PORT PIRIE, Thursday.

The A.M.A., which is mainly composed of wharf-labourers, at a special meeting held last evening decided not to work coke ships at the Proprietary Company's works until the present dispute is settled.

Yesterday afternoon a foreman at the works, who had been away since the trouble began, and caused the ire of unionists by forcing his way through the picket line on the first day of the strike, returned, and with his wife took up his quarters at one of the leading hotels. In the evening the hotel was picketed, and a crowd of 200 to 300 gathered in the vicinity. The landlady was waited on by some of the executive of the union, and strong expressions passed between them. This morning up to 10 o'clock the hotel was unable to get supplies from some of the tradesmen.

A few additional men went on to the works this morning, and both the Jules Gommes and Rajore are now discharging their cargoes of coke.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

KING EDWARD IN PARIS.

LONDON, May 6.

King Edward, returning from his Mediterranean cruise, has arrived at Paris, where he will rest.

"AN ENGLISHMAN'S HOME."

The play, "An Englishman's Home," has been produced at Capetown, and has achieved a great success.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

LIEUT. SHACKLETON'S OFFER.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Department of External Affairs has received from Lieutenant Shackleton a letter offering to hand over to the Commonwealth the notes of the whole meteorological observations taken on the recent Antarctic expedition. The offer has been gratefully accepted, and the record will in a few days be sent on to the meteorological branch of the Home Affairs Department. The meteorologist (Mr. H. A. Hunt) regards the information compiled by the expedition as of extremely high value. It will be useful in assisting to solve many meteorological problems which for several years past vexed Australian weather prophets. The value of the observations lies largely in the fact that many of them were taken at a point farther south than any previous observations, and at higher elevation in the Antarctic regions than had hitherto been reached.

LATE SHIPPING.

The Swedish steamer Indianic, from Gothenburg, the steamer Kaituna, from Westport, N.Z., the passenger steamer Cooma, from Queensland, and the steamer Archer, from Newcastle, arrived at Sydney early this morning.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL.

"A FISHING EXCURSION."

SUBSCRIBERS SUPPORT BOARD.

In response to an advertisement asking benefactors and subscribers to attend a special general meeting, a large number of those interested assembled at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children yesterday.

The advertisement stated that the meeting was called with a view to appointing a special committee of representatives of the Sydney and Royal Prince Alfred hospitals, and a representative of the Board of Health, to inquire into the administration of the hospital, and to make recommendations for the more economical working of the institution; and to consider the reinstatement of the late secretary.

Dr. Clubbe, who presided, said that the meeting had been convened in response to a requisition signed by at least nine subscribers, in accordance with the bylaws. No other business could be considered. But if either resolution were carried, it meant that the present board of management would retire.

The secretary, Mr. H. W. Fairfax, then read the requisition to convene the meeting. The chairman asked members to get on with the business and move the first motion. There was silence for half a minute. "If no one moves any resolution," threatened the chairman, "I will adjourn the meeting."

Mr. Cochrane (Sydney Labour Council) then rose, and said that it was only fair that subscribers should be furnished with particulars regarding the administration of the hospital. He had no wish to make any allegations which might lead to a wrong impression.

Here a point of order was taken that the speaker must move the motion to consider which the meeting was held.

Mr. Cochrane: If I'm forced to move it I will. I do not want to make any attack on anyone. We want to be placed in possession of all the facts. The Sydney Labour Council subscribed for a cot. When we subscribed we were not aware that any collecting commission would be deducted. We thought our £30 would go in unreduced by Mr. Pratt's commission. We do not desire any services to be given and not paid for, but we do not like to see money subscribed for this worthy institution diverted into other channels. I'm sorry to make any reference to Mr. Pratt, because all his dealings with us have been satisfactory. We have been informed officially, and the information has been distributed throughout the whole of the unions, that in five years, in addition to drawing his salary as organising secretary, he received £959 12s 6d as commission. In the Victorian institution no commission was paid at all. In regard to the men working here, one was paid only £2 a week for firing and small repairs. That was a sweating wage compared to the standard set in the city.

A member: Whence came this official information?

Mr. Cochrane: The Sydney Labour Council got it from a reliable source. Then, again, a half per cent. commission was paid to get a loan of £2500 for the nurses' Home.

The Chairman: It is purely a matter of policy whether commissions are paid on collections or not. Some institutions pay, some do not. For many years the Melbourne Hospital paid a similar commission; now they do not. Our policy has been to allow a commission on gross collections. With regard to the complaint of wages, the policy of the board was to keep down expenses. There was no sweating, yet there was no extravagance. Some people said they paid the doctors too much. They were trying to reduce them. The fireman here received more than the fireman at the Sydney Hospital. The amount mentioned by Mr. Cochrane was correct.

Mr. J. St. Vincent Welch (hon. treasurer): What he did say was that half per cent. commission was paid for?

Mr. Cochrane: You are placing me in an invidious position.

The hon. treasurer: You come here making accusations, and then you ask for information to substantiate it. (Applause.) It is some garbled statement you have got hold of. A very large proportion of the cost of the hospital was subscribed by the members of the board themselves. (Hear, hear.) Many have given thousands of pounds. Is it likely they would allow any money to be frittered away? We raised £40,000, and then we were short £7500 to pay for the portion of the building which had already been erected. Then £10,000 was required for the nurses' home, and this was obtained on mortgage at 4 per cent. for seven years. Later on, when additional accommodation was found necessary, more funds were needed. There was the £3500 left from the first mortgage, but it was necessary to provide a further sum. The mortgagees were not very anxious to lend, but they promised a further £10,000 at a half per cent. increase. We did not need the whole £10,000. We therefore got £7500 out of the £10,000, and the bank arranged to keep the balance for us. We only got half per cent. for keeping the money open for us. It was a good arrangement, and only repaid the bank for the half per cent. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Cochrane: Can I move another resolution?

Voices: No.

Mr. Cochrane: It is about the late secretary. How did it take 18 months to find out that Fullerton was hopelessly incompetent as a bookkeeper?

The chairman: Mr. Fullerton was selected out of 200 applicants, and appointed two years ago. He was the only one who had the technical knowledge of hospital work. He was strongly recommended by Mr. Helsham, of the Sydney Hospital. Very soon the treasurer and I realised we had made a great mistake. Mr. Fullerton was not capable of performing the duties. The board felt that they had to discharge him, as the auditors refused to audit his books any more. It was only courteous of us to ask him to leave the room while we discussed the matter. (Hear, hear.) To turn him away in disgrace would have been hard on him, so the board decided to ask him to resign. He positively refused. Then after a time he was at length given notice to leave.

A voice: Did he have a chance to defend himself?

The chairman: No. We then asked Messrs. David Fell and Co. to have a look at the books. They did so, and we received from them the following letter:—

May 6, 1909.

As requested by you, we have visited the hospital on two occasions last week, and inspected the principal books of account. The cash book and ledger were commenced in January, 1907, and others at different dates. We were much surprised to find alterations and substituted figures right through all the books during the period January, 1907, to February, 1909. Why it is necessary to make so many alterations and corrections we cannot say, but we put it down to carelessness. We are surprised that the auditors did not stop it after the first examination of the books. By the daily papers we notice that the question of reinstating the late secretary has been raised. We think that this course would not be advisable, and that it would be very undesirable.

Mr. Welch: I have a letter here from the auditors stating that the books were kept disgracefully. There is £168,000 at stake, and it is necessary that the books be properly kept. (Applause.)

Mr. Carmichael, M.L.A.: Did Fullerton get a commission?

The Chairman: No, only his salary.

Mr. Carmichael: With regard to the second resolution, I am not satisfied with the way Fullerton has been treated. I think you should have dismissed the auditors and not Fullerton. They should have reported that the secretary was not capable.

The Chairman: There was only one audit before they complained.

Mr. Carmichael: What were the complaints? Not that the books were incorrect, but that there were erasions and scratchings out. Fullerton should have had an opportunity to reply. I move "That a committee be appointed to consider the reinstatement of the late secretary."

Mr. A. E. Johns: I second that motion. The board need not fear to give Fullerton an inquiry. I believe in British fair play.

Mr. Trickett, M.L.C.: The present case aptly illustrates the saying, "Save me from my friends." (Laughter.) The board deserves great praise for letting him down so lightly. Talk about British fair play, why, you people have come here making charges, and you ask us for substantiation. You came here purely on a fishing excursion. (Laughter.) Is there a bona fide reason? I unhesitatingly say no. (Applause.)

The Chairman: The board had a perfect right to dismiss the secretary. Why, Mr. Welch and I had to write the official letters of the hospital.

Miss Stevens: Your only error was that you were too kind to him. (Applause.)

The Chairman: He has stirred up the mud himself. We did not want it to be made public.

The motion was then put, and negatived by a large majority. Only 8 voted for the motion.

HEAD-HUNTING IN THE SOLOMONS.

A TRIBAL FEUD.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Information of a tribal feud at the Solomons was brought to Brisbane to-day by the Moresby, which called at Pinkenba from Papua and the Solomon Islands. It appears that the chief of the Valla la Valla Islands, situated in the Western Solomons, went on the warpath recently, and succeeded in taking two or three heads of natives of a neighbouring tribe. It is understood that the warlike attitude of the chief was the result of a tribal feud.

THE ALBURY TRIALS.

HOLLAND FOUND GUILTY.

REMANDED FOR SENTENCE.

ALBURY, Thursday.

The trial of Harry Holland, charged with sedition, was concluded here to-day.

The Crown Prosecutor (Mr. Lamb), in addressing the jury, said that the accused had delivered an eloquent address, but unfortunately for himself it was not on matter which the jury had to try. The burden of his speech was that he was being prosecuted because he had attacked the Wade Government. He was indicted for nothing of the kind. There was not one line in the indictment about the attack on the Wade Government. There was a clear line of demarcation between sedition and freedom of speech. The highest law in the land was the safety of the public, and no person had the right to try to stir up hatred against the Government, or bring about a state of disorder. People must learn that under the guise of freedom of speech they must not subvert the Government and endanger the public peace. There was a big difference between attacking individual Ministers of the Cabinet, and attacking the system of government, as the word was used in the indictment. Accused had challenged him to say where the line of demarcation should be drawn, and he would reply in the words of Lord Fitzgerald, that every general election, and, more recently, of the general election in Tasmania, before them, any members of the Federal Parliament making pretence to hold democratic opinions will ally themselves with a party having as joint leaders Mr. Deakin and Mr. Cook, which must depend for its existence upon the support of the Irvine-Forrest-Fairbairn-Knox corner. This in itself is enough to damn the prospects of a party a hundred times stronger than this second Federal coalition can ever hope to be.

"I fail to see how men holding such widely divergent views on matters of the first importance as Mr. Deakin and Mr. Cook can possibly come together upon a platform which will serve them during the remainder of the life of this Parliament, and

equivalent to the adoption of the principle of protection as a plank of the party is conceivable."

SENATOR PEARCE AT BATHURST.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS ACT.

LABOUR ISSUED ORDERS.

FLEET OF 23 VESSELS.

BATHURST, Thursday.

Senator Pearce addressed a fairly large meeting at the Masonic Hall last night. The Mayor (Alderman Kenny) presided.

Senator Pearce claimed that Mr. Cook and Mr. Deakin had nothing in common, and that the Labour party and the Deakinites had everything in common; excepting, perhaps, on the subject of the progressive land tax, and on that Mr. Deakin was hesitating. These remarks he prefaced with a statement that whatever happened the Labour party was not worrying, feeling, as it did, that its policy had the endorsement of the people. The Labour party went further than Mr. Deakin in the matter of new protection, but essentially their respective policies were identical. He claimed that the Deakinites were not the originators of the Old-age Pensions Act, the Surplus Revenue Bill, the new protection, and many other measures. The credit of initiating these belonged to the Labour party. As a matter of fact, they had sent an ultimatum to Mr. Deakin in order to compel him to introduce the Old-age Pensions Bill. Coming next to the financial aspect of the Federal policy, he said they must decide what proportion of the revenue should be returned to the States in the present financial year. Their obligations would not be met by the quarter of the revenue reserved by the Constitution to the Federal authorities. They had on this account to use the pruning knife freely. The State Premiers proposed to give them an additional £1,000,000; but next year the Commonwealth expenditure would be increased on one thing alone by £1,500,000, viz., old-age pensions. To adopt the Premiers' proposals would mean absolute bankruptcy.

Both the Labour and the Deakin parties favoured an Australian owned and controlled navy, and Mr. Deakin had even been converted to their universal military service proposals. On the question of immigration they took the stand that land and immigration questions must go hand in hand. They proposed to make room for immigrants, and for their own land-hungry people, by means of a progressive land tax that would break up the big estates. Mr. Deakin was only juggling with words when he argued that a tax should not be imposed on land unsuitable for closer settlement. Such land would naturally, by reason of its poor value, be taxed only at an exceedingly low rate, if at all. In nine years Victoria, by her closer settlement policy, had only settled 1400 people and burst up 300,000 acres of locked land. The progressive land tax would not raise values as the advent of a Government buyer did, but would compel owners to look around for tenants voluntarily. Unless they peopled Australia they were going to lose Australia. On the question of the land tax they would remain firm, and if Mr. Deakin attempted to frame an immigration policy without it they would part company.

Dealing with defence matters, he admitted that the white Australia policy rested absolutely on the supremacy of the British Navy, but he contended that they would show their loyalty better by relieving Britain of an expenditure for our defence of £600,000, to which Australia contributed £200,000, by releasing from the Australian station 3000 British tars, than by presenting a Dreadnought with money which would have to be borrowed from John Bull. They proposed to start next year with an expenditure of £750,000 on torpedo boats, but in five years they would have spent £3,000,000 in providing the nucleus of a local navy. They proposed to build 23 ships of various capacities, and to man them with Australians. That was better patriotism than all flag-waving and talk about Dreadnoughts. They were told the Government was to be attacked on this issue. They could expect attack from Mr. Cook, but he asked: "Is the first Government that has given direct effect to the desire of Australia to be self-efficient to be assailed by Mr. Deakin, too; is Mr. Deakin's to be the hand? I hesitate to think so," added Senator Pearce. "The Labour party," he concluded, "is going straight on with its policy. On the subject of the control of the proposed flotilla, he stated that Parliament will find no step will be taken without full consent and approbation of the British Government. They would, when necessity arose, have no hesitation in placing the Australian flotilla under control of the British authorities.

NEED OF POPULATION.

SPEECH BY MR. WADE.

WHEELS OF STATE SLOW.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

DUBBO, Thursday.

At the opening of the Dubbo show to-day the State Premier (Mr. Wade) made reference to the importance of a rural population, and the necessity for more people. Mr. Wade said that half the population was centred on the eastern seaboard of the State, and they could not possibly exist only for the products that came from the interior, and for this reason they would see how important it was to encourage the settlement of the interior. Without population how could they protect Australia? They had within a few days' steam of Northern Australia Japan and China and the islands of the East. Those people had the land hunger in an acute form, and although there might be no overflow this year or next, still some day they might suffer from an invasion, and in that day they should have men to bear arms to fight for their country. (Hear, hear.) But they must get the men who would make their homes, and thereby increase the population, and be ready to defend their country. The Government had continued to give effect to this by increasing settlement. Their Crown lands were fast becoming completed, and they were looking around for land in private hands which they could acquire by proper negotiation. By making land available they could increase the population. Another matter touched on by the Premier was that of railway extension and water conservation. They might put roads on the land, but they might be so far from a railway that the profits might be eaten up in freight. The Government recognised that they must extend the railways. Another means of adding to the population was by means of water conservation in dry seasons and drought. The wheels of the State were slow, but he hoped in this case they would be sure. They relied on the character of the men on the soil, and trusted to their grit, perseverance, and energy to turn what was given them to the best possible account. The bounden duty of all Governments was to give them increased facilities in bringing their products to market. (Cheers.)

FREEZING COMPANIES' COMPLAINT

GOVERNMENT COMPETITION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A deputation representing the Melbourne and Geelong freezing companies to-day asked the Minister for Agriculture for assurance that the Government would not further compete with private cool stores. The Minister said he was unwilling that producers and consumers should be left to the mercy of private companies. He could not say to what extent the Government would continue to be a competitor as a cool-store owner; but an announcement would be made shortly as to the Ministry's intention.

FIRE AT MOUNT KEMBLA.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

A fire broke out at Mt. Kembla at midnight when a cottage and the whole of its contents was burned to the ground. It was occupied by Mr. B. Lewis and family, consisting of several grown-up sons and daughters. The inmates were awakened shortly after 12 o'clock and endeavoured to suppress the flames, but were severely burned on the head and body. The family are recent arrivals from Wales, where they were prominent singers. They brought out with them five gold medals, a silver cup, and metronome, won at eisteddfods; also 72 certificates of music, for Mr. Lewis as conductor; three ambulance and some sewing certificates, all of which were lost. The cottage was owned by the Mt. Kembla Company. The contents, which were valued at £300, were not insured.

POSTAL COMMISSION.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Postal Commission continued its sittings to-day, when Mr. A. B. Corbett was further examined. He said that the service was regulated by classification, not merit. He had personal knowledge of eight men recommended for promotion in 1907 by Mr. Bright, The Public Service Inspector was required to minutely examine all applicants for promotion. This was not done in the case of these eight officers. One officer had to wait 16 years for promotion, whilst another got it in three years. This latter officer had been a staff clerk. Witness attributed his rapid promotion to the fact that he was in close touch with Inspector M'Conachie, who had been staff clerk, and had been risen from £318 at the initiation of Federation to £480. Inspector M'Conachie was a very efficient officer, but witness did not think his ability outstanding.

THE DREADNOUGHTS.

CITIZENS' FUND.

	£	s	d
Amount previously acknowledged	64,933	7	5
The Cremorne Club, Limited	2	2	0
R. C. Dixson, The Strand	50	0	0
Miss Buchan	0	10	0
"A Gladesville Golf Caddie"	0	1	0
C. T. Busby	5	5	0
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron	52	10	0
Narrah Head Lighthouse:—W. H. Williams 10s, W. H. Newton 5s, W. C. Laycock 5s	1	0	0
Proceeds lecture by Mr. Forest Finlay, Bible Teachers' Association	4	2	8
Wilkinson and Oulden	2	2	0
C. T. Brockhoff £1, Frank Tayler 10s	1	10	0
	£65,052	10	2

Apart from the above list £141 5s came to hand, and will be included in a later list.

A BISHOP ON WAR.

In the course of his charge delivered at the Hobart Cathedral on April 25, the Bishop of Tasmania, in commenting upon the apparent antagonism between the demands of religion and the claims of the State referred to the stirring appeals to patriotic sentiment "now resounding on every side." How about the Dreadnought subscription lists? he asked. Could these manifestations of public fervour be brought into genuine harmony with the teaching of the Master? The Lord in the Sermon on the Mount laid down the principle of non-resistance. Could we be at once patriots and Christians? The Apostle Paul knew what his Master had taught, and yet he could write:—"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you be at peace with all men." The qualification implied that, while the principle is to be paramount, there must be reasonable adaptation to fact and circumstance. "Now we have to acknowledge," continued Bishop Mercer, "however sad the confession may be, that the world is still an arena for conflict. We see the nations multiplying their military resources. Over our heads hangs a menacing shadow of colossal struggles for the final partition of the earth's surface. Those who name the name of Christ must pray for peace, and must labour for peace. They must set their face like a flint against wars of aggression or retaliation. But what if, while they labour for peace, the nations around 'make them ready for battle'? Will it ever advance the cause that Christ's disciples have at heart if they look helplessly on and offer themselves as a prey to the spoiler? In spite of my deep respect for the Society of Friends, with their touching appeal to our softer sentiments—in spite of my admiration for the heroic and rugged Tolstoi, with his fearless and thorough consistency in his interpretation of the Gospel message—in spite of these and many other calls to make the life and example of the religion we profess a real guide in the living of our lives, I cannot bring myself to think that unqualified non-resistance is in accord with the will of God. . . . War constitutes one of its most terrible manifestations, and affords scope for the mysterious malignity of the powers of evil. But when we take into account the part it has played in human development, we are warranted in expecting that even war itself may have within it a kernel for good. . . . Do not deem me an apologist for war as war. I merely contend that, given the world as it is, war may be waged in a Christian spirit, and with no necessary breach of the command to love our enemies."

EUROPEAN SITUATION.

SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY FEARS ASIA.

Sir William Ramsay, the eminent scientist, speaking at Aberdeen recently, characterised the situation in Europe as hateful, abominable, and devilish. The most prescient judges of the political situation, he said, were firmly convinced that there must come a great war in Europe in which all the nations would be inevitably involved. Many were actually urging the necessity of Britain taking the first step in that war, which would be the end of civilisation of Europe in this sense, that it would expose Europe helpless to the attack of the East.

STRATHFIELD SUPPORT.

A well-attended meeting of residents of Strathfield was held at the Strathfield council chambers last night, under the presidency of the Mayor, Alderman Mackenzie. Band music of a patriotic character assisted in instilling a patriotic feeling amongst the people, many of whom could not get into the hall.

Mr. Bruce Smith moved—"That in view of the rapidly increasing growth of the naval armament of other nations, and of the British Empire's great burden of naval defence, which hitherto has fallen almost exclusively upon the mother country, it is incumbent upon the Australian people to undertake, in addition to any provision for coastal defence that may be decided upon, a fairer share of such burden, both by direct gift and by an increased annual contribution to the Home Government." We owed it to our own reputation to resent the slander involved in Mr. Deakin's statement to the 1907 conference, and to the people of England generally, that the existing contribution was unpopular, and that no one approved of it; for with the exception of the Labour party and six other members the whole House voted for the Naval Agreement Bill of 1903.

Mr. Nobbs, M.L.A., seconded the motion, which was carried enthusiastically.

Mr. Bowden, M.P., moved, Alderman F. W. Parsons seconded, and it was carried—"That in the opinion of this meeting of citizens of Strathfield Australians are under a deep debt of gratitude to the mother country for the national safety under which they have been able to establish and build up their great commercial and industrial prosperity."

The Mayor announced the receipt of several cheques for the fund, and a liberal response was made to the collection at the meeting.

ACTION AT KOGARAH.

At the instance of the Mayor of Kogarah (Alderman C. H. Halstead), a committee is being formed to further the Lord Mayor's appeal. A meeting is arranged for Kogarah School of Arts on Wednesday, when Messrs. W. E. Johnson, M.P., and W. Taylor, M.L.A., will address the gathering.

A meeting has been called by Alderman Musgrove (Mayor of Hurstville), for next Monday, when Messrs. Bruce Smith, M.P., Varney Parker, M.L.A., and others are to speak, and the Hurstville Brass Band will render a programme.

IN THE COUNTRY.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

The local subscription to the Dreadnought Fund now totals over £140. Mr. J. Cooper, of Craigieburn, contributed £25.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The Dreadnought fund now amounts to £236 11s 6d.

GULGONG, Thursday.

At Eumaralla Estate (Guntawong) an enthusiastic meeting was held, and £14 collected in aid of the Dreadnought fund in the hall. A list has been prepared for collecting.

HAY, Thursday.

At the last meeting of the Waradgery Shire Council a letter was read from the Lord Mayor of Sydney asking co-operation in raising funds towards the cost of a Dreadnought. The councillors subscribed between them the sum of £12, and decided to send a circular to each ratepayer within the shire, inviting contributions.

NYNGAN, Thursday.

At the Bogan Shire Council meeting it was decided to start a subscription list towards the Dreadnought Fund. Councillors M'Leod and Thomas each gave two guineas.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

A subscription list towards the Lord Mayor's Dreadnought Fund has been opened by the president of the Macquarie Shire Council, and up to the present £25 has been received.

SALVATION ARMY CONGRESS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A Territorial Congress of Salvation Army delegates is to be held on May 11 in connection with the farewell to Commissioner and Mrs. M'Kie. A thousand delegates from all parts of the Commonwealth and New Zealand will attend the congress, which will last eight days.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

THE WATER QUESTION.

A representative meeting of citizens of Parramatta, called by requisition to the Mayor, was held in the Parramatta Council-chambers on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of protesting to the council against that body going on any further with the scheme for the extension of the storage capacity and catchment area of the present water supply. The Mayor, Alderman Waugh, presided. Dr. Kearney moved the resolution of protest, which was seconded by Alderman De Low and supported by Drs. Bowman, Hall, and Waugh, Alderman Jago, and Messrs. P. Morgan and F. W. Mottershead. The resolution asked the council to abandon the proposal of raising the wall of the dam and increasing the catchment area, as the catchment area would be inadequate for the present and future requirements of the town, and it would be sound business economy to purchase the water required from the Water and Sewerage Board at the price stated, viz., 3d per 1000 gallons. The resolution was carried unanimously, and it was resolved that a copy of the resolution by forwarded to the council. There was a further resolution, proposed by Mr. H. Meggitt and seconded by Mr. L. W. Pye, and carried, asking the council to make the charges for sewerage connections as reasonable as possible. In regard to this matter the Mayor stated that he had already taken steps in this direction.

ENGINEERS AT VARIANCE.

RIVAL UNIONS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The attention of Mr. Justice Higgins of the Federal Arbitration Court was occupied with the arguments in the dispute between two societies of engineers, each of which questions that the other is entitled to be registered as an organisation under the Federal Arbitration Act. The Institute of Marine Engineers has succeeded in arriving at an agreement with the Commonwealth Steamship Owners' Association, which is to be made an award of the Court, and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, which unsuccessfully sought to be joined as a party to the dispute, is now seeking to secure the cancellation of the registration of the Institute of Marine Engineers. A counter application by the Institute of Marine Engineers for the cancellation of the Amalgamated Society is also before the Court.

The principal ground of the application of the Amalgamated Engineers are that the prescribed conditions of registration were not complied with by the institute; that the rules of the institute imposed unreliable conditions upon the continuance of membership, and were tyrannical and oppressive; that the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, to which the members of the institute might conveniently belong, had been already registered before the institute applied for registration; that the institute was not an association in connection with any industry within the meaning of the Act; that the shipping industry was not an industry within the meaning of the Act; and that the institute had been registered erroneously and by mistake.

The counter application against the registration of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers is founded on several grounds. The first is that the rules of the organisation did not comply with the conditions of the Arbitration Act. The registration, so far as affected the marine engineers, it was asked, should be cancelled, because the association represented substantially shore engineers only and the institute marine engineers. Other general grounds were:—That the association had been registered erroneously and in mistake, inasmuch as it consisted of employees of more than one industry; that it was not an association for the furthering or protecting of the interests of its members; that its rules imposed unreasonable conditions upon the continuance of membership, inasmuch as it was declared that it members could not also become members of the institute; that the rules did not provide reasonable facilities for the admission of new members, and were tyrannical or oppressive.

At the conclusion of argument on the first application Mr. Justice Higgins said he would hear argument on the counter application before giving a decision.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

Roger St. John Hall, at the Criminal Court, was sentenced to five months of 30 days each for perjury, in making, at the Bankruptcy Court, a false statement.

The fund of the C. Y. O'Connor Memorial amounts to £1529. Competitive designs are invited throughout the Commonwealth for a memorial to cost £2000.

BURDENS OF OFFICE.

PREMIER'S VIEW.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

DUBBO, Thursday.

Speaking at the show luncheon to-day, Mr. Wade replied to the recent criticisms of the Government in connection with the charge of extravagance made against it with respect to not reducing the number of members.

Mr. Wade said that the man who pleased everybody was, he ventured to say, a born fool. A man who took a stand must eventually in the end earn the respect of even his enemies. He could only say with regard to the administration of office that he thought for many months he was blessed with sufficient strength to administer three departments; but he had learnt that the burdens of three departments meant a great strain, and unless there was a satisfactory co-ordinator of the work attached to these offices he felt the e would be a complete breaking down under the strain. He regretted that there was a section of the community that would accuse them of extravagance. Before he came into office the Department of Justice and the Attorney-General was carried on as two distinct departments. When he came into office he was called upon to administer two departments, to which had since been added the duties attached to the Premiership. In view of the statements made in the press yesterday, if any changes were made while he was in office it was certainly not in reducing but a relieving the burdens of administration. When accusations are made of extravagance because of the admission of curtailment, he found it necessary to make the actual facts known. No one could say he was afraid of hard work. He inherited many of his responsibilities, and he often worked overtime.

A voice: "What about a union?" (Laughter.)

In the experience of years gone by the ordinary strain of Premiership and one department had caused breakdown in health. Having taken on the strain of three departments, he might yet have to relinquish the work of one or more of them.

THE MURRAY WATERS.

VICTORIA'S ATTITUDE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Premier (Mr. Murray) to-day replied to the criticisms of Victoria's attitude towards the Murray River waters question uttered in Adelaide on Wednesday by Mr. Peake, acting Premier of South Australia. "Mr. Peake," he said, "seems to have made a declaration of war after saying that we in Victoria have played what he calls the Oriental game, and have gone back on bargain honourably made. Of course, I realise that a good deal depends on the point of view on this question; but though Mr. Peake may think South Australia is right, he should remember that we also may think we are right in the attitude we have adopted. Our Parliament has decided that further information upon the subject should be obtained by a Royal Commission, and that Commission has now been appointed. In the meantime, I may say that we in Victoria will raise no objection if the South Australian Government starts to look the river Murray within its own boundaries."

A SHIPPING CLERK'S DEATH.

RESULT OF FRIENDLY SPAR.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

James Nicholas Robbins, shipping clerk, died at the Melbourne Hospital yesterday from a fracture of the skull. Edward John, a painter, employed at the White Hart Hotel, stated to-day that late on the night of April 23 he and Robbins were having a friendly spar with open hands in the kitchen of the hotel. They were in a "jolly" mood. He must have struck deceased, who fell backwards, and hit his head against the edge of a table, as blood flowed freely from a wound on the side of the head. John had his friend conveyed to the Melbourne Hospital. After receiving treatment Robbins went to his lodgings, but on Monday last he collapsed, and was again taken to the Melbourne Hospital, where he died.

COMFORTS FOR A PRISONER.

AN IMPOSTER'S FATE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Henry Thompson was found guilty at the General Sessions of obtaining money by false pretences and of attempting to obtain money. He had obtained a cheque from a woman at Euroa on the pretext that it was wanted to get "comforts" for the woman's husband, who was a prisoner in Pentridge. On the first count he was sentenced to two years, and on the second count to one year's imprisonment, the sentences to be cumulative. He was also declared an habitual criminal, to be detained thereafter during the Governor's pleasure.

BROKEN HILL'S WATER SUPPLY.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The Citizens' Water League last night decided to confine all its attention to securing the carrying out of the Umberumberka scheme. It also decided to request the Mayor to call a special meeting of the City Council, with a view to urging the Government to supply water to the city, irrespective of any payment by the council, in the event of a water famine.

DOCTORS!

Medical Man: Jobson has done the meanest thing I ever heard of. He came to my house the other night, ate a big dinner, got indigestion, and then went to another doctor to be cured.

FISHER'S PHOSPHERINE AGAIN.

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QUEENSLAND.

BULLOO ELECTION.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The final figures for the Bulloo election were received as follow:—Allen, 370; Cordner, 285.

PRICKLY PEAR LEASES.

When he took office as Minister for Lands Mr. Denham secured the services of a number of men to make an inspection of prickly pear selections in various parts of the State. The conditions attaching to these lands were that so much should be cleared each year. It was suspected that many selectors were not carrying out the conditions. Following on the receipt of reports, the Minister picked out 13 of the worst cases, and ordered the selectors to be called on to show cause why their holdings should not be forfeited.

SCHOOLS OF ARTS LIBRARIES.

A number of replies have been received by the Minister for Education relative to the question of making books at the Schools of Arts libraries available for the use of scholars. The majority of them, however, were unfavourable, mostly from country districts. It is now stated that the Government is likely to revise the system of endowment in order to see that the money granted, £5000 a year, goes towards objects of educational value.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

STRIKE OF TROLLY DRIVERS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The trolly drivers employed by the Adelaide Milling Company at Port Adelaide have gone out on strike. Up to Saturday they had been receiving 45s per week of 55 hours. They applied for an eight-hour day, to come into line with other men. The company, however, desired its drivers to come under the operations of the Wages Board determination of 45s a week of 58 hours. On Monday none of the men concerned resumed work. The milling company advertised for drivers, and a large number of applications were received. To-day the mill was picketed by the men.

FIJI.

SUVA, April 28.

The Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court are now being held. As usual, most of the cases are against Indians. This section of our community is responsible for practically all the crimes which come before the Court.

Dr. McDonald, British Commissioner at Rotumah, has returned from a 12 months' holiday spent in England, and proceeds to Rotumah at an early date.

The Government of Fiji is calling tenders for the maintenance of the inter-island service after October 31, 1910. The vessel employed is to be of dimensions not less than 150ft length, breadth 28ft, and with a carrying capacity of 300 tons, and speed of 10 knots.

The annual rifle meeting is being held in Suva, and teams are present from all parts of the group. Considerable interest is taken in the operations of the rifle association, members being our sole defence should an emergency arise.

An important point was decided at a recent sitting of the Supreme Court. Robert Reid and Co., of Sydney, sued J. Solomon for the sum of £37 3s 6d. Defendant raised the question, that, as plaintiffs were not registered in Fiji, they had no power to sue, but after consideration the Chief Justice ruled against the defendant on the broad ground that a foreign company, duly incorporated by the laws of its own country, can sue, and is liable to be sued, in the Courts of another country.

PELAW-MAIN TROUBLE.

KURRI KURRI, Thursday.

The Pelaw-Main wheelers have resumed work.

ENCOUNTER FUND.

Captain Fyler, R.N., has received the following sums collected in aid of the relatives dependent on the men of H.M.S. Encounter who lost their lives in Sydney Harbour on January 5:—Subscriptions from his Majesty's ships, £273 9s 6d; subscriptions from public sympathisers, £222 7s 3d; proceeds of entertainments given in aid of fund, £554 4s 6d; total, £1050 1s 3d.

With reference to the disposal of this sum, Captain Fyler writes:—Letters have been received from the clergymen of the parishes giving the information asked for regarding 12 of the families, and a sum of £535 has been remitted for their relief. Three cases have yet to be considered, and a sum of money (about £230) is to be devoted to the erection of a monument, and for enclosing and covering the graves. Should there be a balance remaining, it is proposed to devote it to a relief fund under the trusteeship of the captain in charge, and the engineer captain (for the time being) of Garden Island, to be administered by them for the relief of the relatives who require assistance, or are dependent on those men who lose their lives under any circumstances whilst serving in ships of his Majesty on the Australian station.

DEPUTATIONS.

NARRABEEN LAGOON.

Dr. Nash, M.L.C., yesterday introduced to the Minister for Works, Mr. Lee, a deputation from the Warringah shire, which asked that the Government should grant assistance in making some permanent opening to the Narrabeen Lagoon, which, it was claimed, overflowed in flood time and affected the roads. Sometimes the floods lasted for six or seven months, and something in the nature of a weir was asked for, which would take the water off at a certain level.

Mr. Lee advised them to form a trust, as had been done in the case of the Curl Curl Lagoon. He would, however, have a resurvey made, and see if at a reasonable cost a weir could not be built, with which the ordinary flood and spring tide rises could be regulated.

"LINKING UP THE TRAM SYSTEMS.

A second deputation, from the Marrickville, Petersham, Leichhardt, and Balmain municipalities, was introduced by Mr. Carmichael, M.L.A. It asked that the Balmain suburbs should be connected by tram, through Leichhardt, with Petersham and Marrickville. It was explained that in 1902 arrangements had been almost completed for the construction of such a line, but that it had been discovered at the last minute that part of Callan Park or else a large terrace of houses would have had to be resumed. The department had not seen its way to make that resumption, and as a result the construction had been postponed. The proposed line would start at the junction of Weston-road and Darling-street, Balmain, would run along Balmain-road, pass through the present terminus in Johnstreet, Leichhardt, and end in Palace-street, Petersham, near the railway station. It would pay form the start; it would increase settlement in the suburbs, and thus relieve congestion in the city, and it would serve about 100,000 people. Also it would be the means of practically connecting four tramway systems, those of Leichhardt, Marrickville, Balmain, and Annandale. Messrs. J. Storey and J. J. Cohen, M.s.L.A., were among those who spoke.

Mr. Lee said that the scheme advocated by the deputation involved two lines, one running from the Leichhardt terminus to Balmain, and the other from the Leichhardt line across towards Petersham station, to join the Addison-road line. The total cost of the construction would be £37,185. The first proposal, the Balmain section, would have in any case to go before the Public Works Committee. The Railway Commissioners had estimated that the revenue would fall short of the expenditure by £395 per year, and that taking into consideration interest, etc., there would be a total loss of £1700 per year. A 10ft deep resumption along the edge of Callan Park would be necessary, but he saw no great difficulty in that, and it would be much preferable to the resumption of a terrace on the other side of the road. The deputation had asserted that the traffic was great, but that was hardly to be inferred from the heavy annual loss which had been estimated. The important point about the suggested scheme was that it would link up the various tram systems, which were now quite disconnected. Year by year it was becoming more necessary to bring the principal systems into connection with one another. A man had often to run into town and out again in order to travel a short distance to one side. He would put the two proposals on his list be submitted to the Cabinet, but, of course, he could not say whether any new tramlines at all would be constructed. It would be better to wait than to pay a large amount of interest. But he would say the deputation's case was a much stronger one than it had been last time, on account of the increase in building due to the new system of taxation under the Local Government Act, and on account of the construction, lately of new lines, which would form part of the linking-up system.

Photographers, both amateur and professional, will find many admirable examples of the art of photography in all its departments in this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

NEW ZEALAND.

ALLEGED EXTENSIVE ROBBERY.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

James Hemmingway, a young man, was committed for trial on a charge of stealing a large quantity of jewellery, stamps, and uncancelled bank notes, from the parcels office at the Wellington Post-office. In a confession made at the time of arrest, he stated that he secured over £400 worth of cancelled notes. He discovered a way to make them usable, and travelled about New Zealand, cashing the notes at various places. He went to Sydney and back, and changed notes. Then he went to Christchurch, where the detectives got on his track, and he fled to Wellington, where he was arrested.

THE BUTTER MARKET.

The wholesale price of butter has advanced 1d per lb, and is now 111d. It will be retailed at 1s 1d per lb. The quantity of butter in store in the Dominion at the end of April was less than 42,000 boxes against over 70,000 the corresponding period last year.

New Zealand has not yet considered the question of the Dominion being represented at the Imperial Naval Conference in July.

James Hemmingway, who was yesterday committed for trial on a charge of extensive post-office robberies, is now charged with stealing £858 worth of stamps from the Government Printing Office in December, 1906, and £140 worth of fountain pens and leather goods from Whitcomb and Tomb's Wellington warehouse in December, 1907. The police are relying on finger-print evidence.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT.

DISCUSSION AT TRADES HALL.

"BARNACLES ON UNIONISM'S BRAINS."

A special meeting of the Sydney Labour Council was held last night to consider the following motions:—

By Mr. J. J. Sullivan (Ironmoulders' Society):—"That the resolution carried by council relative to the advice given to unions affiliated to ignore the Industrial Disputes Act be rescinded."

By Mr. W. R. Bagnall (Process Engravers' Union):—"That this council endorses the action of all unions which have become registered under the Industrial Disputes Act."

Mr. Sullivan said that more than half of the unions were registered, and still the motion stood on the books. Was that an honest position for the council to be in? The motion practically tied the hands of those which remained loyal.

Mr. Bagnall, in reference to his motion, contended that the council was advising its fellow workers to go without any means of improving their industrial conditions; they were not playing fairly. Those unions which had stood by the resolution had absolutely no means of rearranging their troubles.

A voice: The rockchoppers did.

Mr. Bagnall: There must be unanimity. Were they going to have one organisation, say to another, "So-and-so!" Labour wanted to win a majority at the next State elections. Was it going to do so by having wild and impracticable resolutions and schemes?

Mr. E. Riley (Plasterers Union) said the executive, which recommended that the Act should not be used, only wanted to protect the unions. Wages boards were held out as a speedy method of getting disputes settled, and yet there was the Tailors' Board sitting for six months, and no decision arrived at. The longer the Act was looked at the more apparent became its defects. As long as a penal clause was in the Act he, for one, would never give his assent. (Applause.) He cited a case in which a man on a board had been "sacked," and on going to court about it he had lost 15 guineas in costs, because his counsel forgot to move, although the Judge said there were good grounds for taking the matter to court.

Mr. Connell (Ironmoulders' Society) said he didn't see such a terrible lot of faults in the Act. If it should be necessary, it could be altered. They should not be small-minded about it.

"One thing I'm sure of," said Mr. M'Donald, "and that is that the unions have lost that fighting spirit I knew in them. (Applause.) What did the last transport strike prove? That outside the Tramway Union there wasn't one that could do any good that was prepared to fight for them."

"Most of us want a lot of mental drydocking; we've got a lot of barnacles on our brains," said Mr. H. E. O'Brien (Professional Musicians), in upholding the advantages of the Act. He affirmed that it was going to do his union a lot of good.

"We are told that the fear of imprisonment is taking all the fight but of the unions," said Mr. J. Lynch (Brushmakers' Union). "That's the threat that the Industrial Disputes Act holds over all the officers in New South Wales if they go out on strike. If we want to take the fight out of them we will endorse this Act. It is something we should protest strongly against."

The discussion was not finished when the meeting adjourned.

CASUALTIES.

SHOT IN THE HEAD.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE AT LA PEROUSE.

The body of a man named John Cospar Chalmers, a broker and accountant, lately living in Gordon-street, Burwood was found lying near the monument at La Perouse yesterday. There was a bullet wound near the right temple, and a five-chambered revolver was lying close beside the body. Deceased had been despondent of late.

A CRUSHED LEG.

GULGONG, Thursday.

Whilst unloading timber, F. Burkinshaw had one of his legs so badly crushed that it was found necessary to amputate it.

THROWN FROM A HORSE.

HILL END, Thursday.

Dy Yong, a Chinese gardener, when returning home this afternoon, was thrown from his horse at Harkin's Hill. Portion of his brain was protruding. He was suffering from other wounds. The police took him to the hospital. His condition is hopeless.

A SHUNTER KILLED.

PERTH, Wednesday.

George Ames, a shunter at North Fremantle, was found under the wheels of a truck, fearfully mutilated, and died shortly afterwards.

AERIAL NAVIGATION.

THE DIRIGIBLE AS A WAR MACHINE.

The announcement by the British Admiralty that the subject of aerial navigation is just now receiving their attention goes to show that the future possibilities of the airship as a destructive instrument of war are now recognised. According to the "Motor" of March 9, England is building Dreadnoughts which cost two millions apiece, but the future utility of even the best Dreadnoughts is more or less uncertain in view of the great development of the aeroplane and airship. There are close on a dozen dirigibles on the Continent to-day that can accomplish a non-stop trip of 500 miles easily; in fact, 700 miles would be nearer the mark. The extra carrying capacity of some of these apart from the crew is equal to about one ton. It is impossible to realise the amount of damage that could be effected by but a traction of this weight of high explosive. The position of a large dirigible under the guns of the upper works of a battleship would certainly wreck it. And so far there is admittedly no defence possible from the sea against an attacking airship. It can sail at a high elevation to be out of view, and yet be able to take its own bearings relative to forts, shipping, arsenals, and dockyards. Then it can descend to closer range to discharge its explosives on the desired place.

It may be argued that the dirigible could not hit any mark unless it descended to a very low elevation. Rangefinders and optical appliances, however, could be used (the range of 7000 yards continues) to eliminate chance or guess work, just as in ordinary artillery firing. That the range of action and speed of dirigibles will be greatly increased in the near future is practically certain. Already motors of 200 h.p. are being installed on some of the German dirigibles, and 500 h.p. is by no means regarded as an impassable limit. Of course, the fuel supply problem for long distances and high speeds will become increasingly difficult, but there is little doubt that large supplies of petrol will be carried, and moreover, the engines need not necessarily be driven at maximum speed and power. As for maintaining the supply of hydrogen gas in the balloon this is likely to offer little difficulty seeing that an enormous volume of gas could be carried under pressure in steel cylinders of small bulk and weight. Then as to cost, a long distance high-speed dirigible can be made for £150,000, or even £75,000, which means a fleet of 20 dirigibles as against one Dreadnought.

The Germans, according to latest files, are seriously alarmed at the increase in the number of French dirigibles stationed within striking distance of their main line of fortresses round about Metz and Strasburg, and have created a special artillery corps, equipped with high-angle guns, mounted on fast cars. It is not at all certain, however, to judge from military criticism of these, that the airship destroyers will prove a success. So far these machines have only been tried against balloons set adrift. An airship, on the other hand, can be manoeuvred in quite a bewildering manner. The combined effect of sudden change of direction and elevation would prove very puzzling. Under such conditions the difficulties in taking any sort of effective aim would be increased. For night operations the armed dirigible seems peculiarly well adapted, as it could sail in the darkness at a much lower elevation than in the daytime, and with absolute safety. Bearings would be taken from the stars, and the glare of lighted towns would assist, and as every ship could carry a powerful searchlight, probably of the petrol oxygen type, on account of its small weight, and consequences, there would be little difficulty in locating exact positions for attack.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—May 6.

Victoria, R.M.S., 6322 tons, Captain J. D. Andrews, R.N.R., from London, via ports. Passengers—Mr. G. Carter, Mr. M'Connell, Miss M'Connell, Mr. H. Kery, Mr. J. Rutherford, Mr. W. Livingstone, Mr. H. V. Johnson, Mr. S. L. Hooper, Mr. J. Lawler, Mr. Heidebeck, Mr. F. Hargreaves, Mr. E. Moss, Mr. W. Rae, Miss Levens, Mr. Wall, Mr. Healy, Mrs. Healy, Mr. A. Staines, Mr. 4 Wilkinson, Mr., Mrs., Miss Ronald, and child, Mr. J. H. Harris, Mr. J. S. Harris, Mr. A. Stuart, Mrs. Cook and infant, Mrs. Hodgkinson, in addition to a large number of passengers from interstate ports. A. Gordon Wesche, acting agent.

Marloo, s., 3668 tons, Captain David Keir, from Cairns, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay (Flat Top Island), and Brisbane. Passengers—Saloon, 23; steerage, 24. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Paloona, s., 2774 tons, Captain F. W. M'Beth, from Hobart. Passengers—Saloon, 38; steerage, 44. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Chillagoe, s., 1400 tons, Captain Roberts, from Edithburg. Howard Smith Company, Ltd., agents.

Hobart, s., 2461 tons, Captain Millar, from Fremantle, Albany, Adelaide, Melbourne, and Eden. Melbourne S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Moona, s., 2015 tons, Captain Worrall, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Innamincka, s., 2501 tons, Captain Mackenzie, from Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s., 1840 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Kyogle, s., 702 tons, Captain

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A large volume of business was effected on 'Change yesterday. A.J.S. "B" deposits, 1912, rose 2/. E.S. and A. inscribed ditto /3, ditto preferred eased /1. Balmain New Ferry rose /9. Bullambi Coal rose /6, and Wickham and Bullock Island Coal, ordinary, /6, other sales being at about late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Mont de Piete, 42/6; Bullambi Coal, 46/3; New Ferry, 31/9; Richardson and Wrench, 14/; Wickham Coal, ordinary, 12/6; Balmain New Ferry, 31/9; Richardson and Wrench, 14/; Afternoon: Howard Smith and Co., pref., 21/; Balmain New Ferry, 31/9; Mont de Piete, 42/6; A.J.S. Bank "B," 1912, deposits, 13/3; Sargent's, 21/6 net; Bullambi Coal, 46/6; Colonial Sugar, £46/10/; Port Jackson Steam, 46/; E.S. and A. Bank, preferred deposits, 12/6; ditto, deferred deposits, 17/9.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Price. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor
BANK.							
S.A.W., F. S.,							
Do. 1912				3	85	84½	3½
Do. do. 1913				2½	99	98	2½
Do. do. 1912				3	100½		3
Do. do. 1913				2½	99	98	2½
Do. do. 1914				2½	98	97	2½
Do. do. 1915				2½	98	97	2½
Do. do. 1921				3	184	183	3
Do. do. 1923				4	100		4
Do. new 1909				4	109	107	4
Do. Act 1873				4	109	107	3½
Do. Debentures				3½	99½	98	3½
Do. T. Bk. 1911				3½	100		3½
Do.				4	100		4
E.S. Deb. 1913				4	101	102	4
Do. 1911				4	101½	102	3½
Do. Deb. 1919				4	103	102	3½
Intn. T. Bills				4	103	102	3½
Do. Deb. 1922				4	102	100	3½
Syd. Deb.				4	102	100	3½
Col. Sug. D.				4	108	106	3½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	112½	112		4½
Bank of N. Z.	4	4	8	38/6	38/9		4½
City of Sydney	20	8	8	89/	89/		8½
Com. Bkg.	10	8	3	35/	35/6		8½
Com. of Aust.	100	40	10				
Intn. pref.				10/74	10/72½	10/71	5½
Do. pref.				5	5/2½	5/1	5½
Pers. Trust	5	2½	10	7/2½	5/1		5½
Pr. Fin. Bank	10	5	10	12/2½	12/0	11/9	5½
Pr. Soc. Bank	1	1	10	15/9	15/6	15/3	5½
Rural Bk. Ltd.	1	1	3			21/	
Sargent's, Ltd.	1	1	10	22/6			
Sth. Trust	1	1	10	8/2	8/1		5½
Sydney Bank	20	10	6	174	172		5½
Syd. Hydraulic	10	10	10	26/6	25/	27/	7½
Syd. Trust	10	10	10	27/6	27/	28/	7½
Un. B., and G.E.	100	40	8	123	120		6½
W. B. Bank	100	40	10	97/	87/6	55/	5½
Wright, Hutton	1	1	1			21/	
LAND and BD.							
Can. B. and I.	10	10	10				
Colonial	1	1	10	29/	28/		7½
Colonists	20	20	6	20	20		6½
Intn. Pref.	1	1	10				
S. Aus. Land	1	1	10	20/	20/		6½
COAL.							
Bullambi	1	1	10	46/6	46/	47/	8½
Caledonian	1	1	10			18	6½
Pat. Gretel	1	1	10	26/6	25/6	26/	6½
Seaham Cons.	1	1	5	5/	4/9		5½
Seaham Nbld.	1	1	6	7/6	7/3	7/6	8½
Wallarah	1	1	10	14/6	11/6	12/	6½
Waratah	1	1	10	80/	79/	82/	6½
West Bulli	1	1	10	80/	77	82/	6½
West Cons.	10	10	10	13/3	12/6		6½
Vale of Clwyd	1	1	10	1/	1/		5½
Wallsend	10	10	10	35/	34/6	37	7½
Do. pref.	1	1	10	37	36	37/6	7½
Aust. & N. Za.	1	1	10	12/6	12/6	12/	8
Do. pref.	1	1	10	8/	10/3		8
Intn. pref.	1	1	10	99/6	99		6½

† Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. ‡ Plus annual payments of 16/8 per cent. ¶ 2s 6d dividend.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Adelaide Steam, £9, 2/; Electric Supply, pref., £5 10/; Carmichael, 3d, 7/11, 5 7/6, 6 8/6.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Sales: Brisbane Tramways, ord., £5 16/, 5, £5/16/6.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cent. stock, 100, £98; ditto, 3½ per cent. stock, 1941, £92/12/6; Metropolitan Gas, £10/16/; Melbourne Trams, 6/; Kauri Timber, 15 ; Potter's Sulphide, /19.

FINANCIAL.

YET ANOTHER A.M.P. RECORD.

Record seems to follow record in connection with the Australian Mutual Provident Society, with a regularity that would be monotonous were it not so satisfactory. This is made clear by the report for 1908, just issued, which shows that 19,117 new policies were issued in the ordinary branch for £5,042,351, including 36 non-participating policies for £41,328. The new premiums amounted to £229,176, of which £66,206 was represented by single payments. The following comparison may be made of the new business effected:—

COURSE OF NEW BUSINESS.

	Policies issued. No.	Amounts assured. £
1902	15,930	3,702,576
1903	14,603	3,744,420
1904	14,530	3,739,201
1905	15,980	4,013,514
1906	17,122	4,585,430
1907	17,797	4,863,553
1908	19,117	5,042,351

The report does not tell us what proportion of this new business was effected through the newly established London office. Doubtless, this omission will not be overlooked by the chairman when he meets policyholders on the 14th inst. The following is a summary of the new business effected:—Whole life assurances, 7321 policies for £2,584,036; endowment assurance, 11,648 policies for £2,138,947; endowment, 138 policies for £19,378; and 100 annuities for £5926 per annum. Here follow some details:—

	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	Single Premiums.	Annual Premiums.
Assurance	7,321	£2,584,036	£2,950	£82,456
Endowment				
ment	11,648	2,138,947	2,078	81,435
Endowment	138	19,378	1,791	930
Annuity	100	5,926	57,515	149
		per annum.		

The industrial department issued during the year 17,499 new policies, assuring £930,903, at premiums amounting to £36,452 per annum. The business in force at the end of the year consisted of 34,901 policies, assuring £1,666,251, and producing an annual premium income of £65,455. This compares with 16,848 policies in the previous year, assuring £566,629. The premiums increased from £31,163 to £36,452. The business in force at the close of each of the last three years may be stated as follows.—

INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE IN FORCE.

	Business in force.	Increase.
	£	£
Year ended Dec. 31, 1906	493,078	25,981
Year ended Dec. 31, 1907	736,979	44,328
Year ended Dec. 31, 1908	1,066,251	63,455

The funds in this department increased from £2239 on January 1, 1908, to £11,951 at the close of the year. Claims in the Ordinary Department amounting to £782,390, including £248,144 for bonus additions, have arisen under 1509 life policies, by the death of 1238 members; and 1561 endowment-assurances have also matured, amounting to £536,909, including £157,567 for bonus additions. The accumulated fund, including the amount at credit of the industrial department, has been increased by £1,091,900, and now amounts to £24,540,636, which includes a sum of £9938 in the claims investment account. The report of the actuary discloses a cash surplus of funds over liabilities (including special reserves) of £850,944. Out of this surplus the board has resolved, in accordance with the recommendation of the actuary, to allot the sum of £732,444 for distribution among the members. This sum will provide reversionary bonuses amounting to about £1,300,000. A sum of £6102 12s 10d has been written off the values of foreclosed properties, etc., and the value of office premises has been reduced by an amount of £13,280. A branch of the society was opened in London in August last, and the report states "a satisfactory commencement has been made and there is every indication that a large measure of success will attend the extension." The following comparisons may be made:—

	Aus., 1908. £	Feb., 1909. £
Liabilities—		
Capital paid	144,507	144,507
Sundry creditors, etc	28,369	20,327
Reassurance Accounts		1,247
Profit and loss	6,561	11,394
Assets—		
Book debts, etc, less provision	18,017	17,305
Stock and works	40,913	35,789
Freeholds, etc, and goodwill	86,957	90,038
Machinery, etc	29,000	29,121
Cash at bankers	4,103	1,784
Preliminary expenses	1,738	
Cash	47	4,091

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BANK.

PERTH, Thursday.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Western Australian Bank the directors report showed that the net profit amounted to £29,238, which, with the balance from the previous half-year, totalled £44,007. From this a dividend of 20s per share was declared, being at the rate of 20 per cent. per annum, free of income tax. The reserve fund now amounts to £450,000, and the reserved profits to £12,507.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Commonwealth gold exports from January 1 to date have reached an approximate value of £1,640,000, against £4,488,000 last year for the corresponding period.

Last month's gold imports into the State were as follow:—Coined, £5100; uncoined, £118,602.

Gold exports last month were as follow:—Coined, £148,800; uncoined, £63,817.

The Royal Mint last month received gold to the amount of 39,820 fine ounces, valued at £169,259.

This makes 176,600 fine ounces, valued at £750,803, since January 1 last.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

The only commodity which was exciting very much interest in the markets yesterday was carbide. Notwithstanding the existence of heavy stocks on spot, some holders refrained from quoting until they had more specific information as to what the price forward is to be established at. In the meantime the general quotation for Alby was £14, although there were one or two holders willing to quote parcels at £13 10s to £13 15s. Rabbit traps continued in very strong demand. Some firms have now cleared their holdings, and the general disposition of distributing houses was to ask /3 more. American black fencing wire on spot was firm, but German black, if taken in good parcels, was to be had at £4/2/6, which is half-a-crown lower than the quotation lately current. In galvanised wires the prices were capable of shading for fair orders. Barbed wire was in rather better demand, and was taken at unaltered rates for Australian and German, while for American Iowa £16 was accepted for No. 14. Nettings continued quiet; but for bush tools and general hardware the demand was particularly strong. The new land which is being opened on the North Coast, coupled with railway works, has created a special demand there for edged tools, picks and shovels, handles, nails, and the like. The distribution of staple grocery lines was also active. At the auctions the tea market showed steadiness. Wheat was still firmer. In the wheat market continues much longer in this condition it will resemble the tea markets in Colombo and Calcutta—always rising. However, wheat is actually dearer, and the outlook is one which the milling and baking trades are beginning to get anxious about. In Sussex-street the high prices generally ruling were tending to check business.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

TEA.

At the auction 620 packages of Ceylons were offered and all cleared, with the exception of a few lines which were held for better money. Broken pekoes to orange pekoes sold from /82 to /9, broken orange pekoes to /92, and pekoes to /73. For the fresher teas of the more useful descriptions, the prices realised were about on a parity with the teas now coming to hand; nevertheless, they are still more the earlier-bought ones, showed a discount against the importers. On the basis of present-day values, however, the market was practically at freer in movement. In the reference in yesterday's issue to the fact that "this market" had taken 1,000,000lb more tea up to the present this year than for the corresponding period of last year, but that nevertheless it is becoming more plentiful, and as the season advances larger and riper samples will arrive, prices consequently were slightly cheaper. Other fruit received little attention from late rates.

Current quotations were:—

Apples.—Local: Dessert, choice 7/ to 9/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 2/ to 2/6; cooking, choice 5/ to 5/6, medium 3/ to 4/, small 2/ to 2/6. Tasmanian: Northern Spys, 5/ to 6/6; B.P.M., 5/ to 6/; Sturmer, 5/ to 6/; Adelaide grapes 5/6 to 6/ per 36lb box; Dorradilla, choice 2/ to 3/6, small 2/6 per half-case. Adelaide grapes 5/6 to 6/ per 36lb box.

Jam melons.—1/ to 2/ per dozen.

Lemons.—Local: Choice coloured to 7/, medium 5/ to 6/, small 3/ to 4/; green, choice 4/6 to 5/, medium 3/ to 4/ per gin-case. Italian: 7/ to 8/ per half-case.

Mandarins.—Local: Emperors, second crop, special 12/ to 14/ per gin-case, choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/ to 3/6, small 1/6 to 2/. Thorneys, choice 5/, medium 3/6, small 2/ to 2/6 per half-case. Fiji mandarins, 11/ per double-case.

Nuts.—Peanuts, /5; walnuts, /6; almonds, 1/; Lychees, 1/; Barcelonas, /9 per lb.

Oranges.—Local: Second crop, choice 5/ to 6/, medium 3/6 to 5/ per gin-case, small and rough unsaleable; main crop, choice 4/ to 4/6, medium 2/6 to 3/ per gin-case.

Pears.—Local: Williams', choice 10/ to 12/, medium 6/ to 7/; other sorts, 2/ to 4/ per gin-case. Victorian: B.D.C., choice 7/, good 5/6 to 6/6; Golden Beurre, 4/6 to 5/6 per tray. Tasmanian: B.B., 4/ to 4/6; B.D.C., 4/ to 5/6; Gunnell's choice 4/6, good 3/6 to 4/; W.N., W.C., and O.B.'s, 3/6 to 4/6 per half-bushel case.

Persimmons.—Local: Choice 3/ to 3/6, medium 2/ to 2/6, small 1/ to 1/6 per box.

Passionfruit.—Local: Choice 5/, medium 2/6 to 3/, small 1/6 per half-case.

Pineapples.—Queensland: Ripley Queens, choice 4/ to 5/; Queens, choice 6/ to 8/; choice commons, 7/ to 9/, small 5/ to 6/.

Quinces.—1/ to 2/ per gin-case.

Rockmelons.—2/ to 4/ per gin-case.

Tomatoes.—Local: Choice, coloured 2/6 to 3/, medium 1/6 to 2/6, small and rough from /6 per case, green sorts unsaleable.

Watermelons.—Local: Medium to choice 2/ to 4/, small 1/ to 1/6 per dozen.

MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Market to-day the following prices were obtained for fruit:—Almonds, /6 to /8 per lb.; apples, 1/6 to 6 per case; grapes, 3/6 to 7/ ditto; oranges, Australian, 7/ to 10/ ditto; lemons, Australian, 7/ to 8/6 ditto; melons, water 2/ to 2/6 per dus, preserving 2/6 to 5/6 ditto; pears, culinary 2/ to 2/6 per case, dessert 3/ to 5/ ditto; walnuts, /6 to /8 per lb.; quinces, 1/6 to 2/6 per case.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

The following truckings have been ordered for the forthcoming week:—May 10, 124 sheep vans and 120 cattle waggons; and for May 18, 475 sheep vans and 107 cattle waggons.

STATION PRODUCE SALES.

The Australian Mortgage, Land and Finance Company, Ltd.; John Bridge and Company, Ltd.; Dalgety and Company, Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort and Company, Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Ltd.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd.; Schulte, Bell, and Co.; and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Tallow.—Prices generally were 10/ to 15/ per ton lower. Quotations: Prime mixed £20/5/ to £20/10/ per ton, good £18/15/ to £20, medium £24/15/ to £25/10/, inferior £21/10/ to £23, broken packages £19 to £22. 995 casks were offered, and 206 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Horsehair advanced /1 to /2 per lb, while cowhair ruled /0½ to /0¾ per lb better. Other lines were unchanged. Quotations—Horsehair sold to /2½ per lb, cowhair to /1¼, cowhair to /0¾, shankbones, round to £3/12/6 per ton, flat to £5/7/6, mixed to £4/10/, thighbones to £16, buttocks to £11, shins to £10/5/, hoofs, /.

PINEAPPLE BACON and HAMS.—Quality of highest excellence. Flavour really delicious. Ask your grocer for it. Take no other.—Advt.

PETERSHAM, WRIGHT, and CO., Ltd., Grain and Produce Agents. Are. Sales daily at Redfern.—Advt.

Ellis and Co., Live Stock and Produce Merchants.—Sales of Hay, Chaff, etc, held at Redfern daily.—Advt.

Unequalled and invincible for Coughs and Colds—Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

per cwt in parcels; rape, 23s 6d to 24/ per cwt; linseed, 18s 6d to 17s 6d per cwt. In small lots, ton lots £16.

Spices: Cloves, 1/ per lb; nutmegs, /9 in case lots, /10 smaller quantities; mace, 2/ per lb; pimento, /8 per lb; cayenne, /9 per lb.

Arrowroot: 5d per lb. Pure white pepper, /9½ per lb; black, /8½ per lb.

Aniseed: 71b bags, £18/10/ per ton; flaked, 71b bags, £19/10/; 25lb packets, 5/ per doz. Rolled oats, 5lb bags, £20 per ton; in 2lb bags, £24/10/ per ton.

Whole bleached ginger: /7½ per lb.

JUTE.

New standard cornsacks, spot, nominally 4/6; old standard ditto, 7/6.

Brumbags, 4/ to 4/9½, spot.

Woolpacks: 2/6 small lots ex store; to land shortly, 2/4; season's forward, 2/ f.o.r. Sydney.

Ore pockets, 2/5½ for 18cwt and 8/3½ for 20cwt spot; cheaper forward.

METALS.

Fencing wire:—

Black: German, No. 8, £8/2/6 to £8/5/; No. 10, £8/10/; American: No. 8, £8/10/; No. 10, £8/15/; No. 12, £9/5/.

Galvanised: German, No. 8, £9/5/; No. 10, £9/12/6. American: No. 8, £9/7/6; No. 10, £9/15/.

Barbed: Australian, £14 and £15/10/; ditto, special, £16/5/ and £17/15/; German, £14 and £15/10/; American Iowa, No. 12, £15; No. 14, £16.

G. C. Iron: First brands, £18/15/; second brands, £18/5/; third brands, £17/15/ to £17/17/6, in 8ft lengths; in 9ft lengths, 15/ more; 10ft lengths, 30/ more than 8ft.

Plain: 24, 26, and 28 gauge, first brands, £18, £19/5/, and £20; Fleur-de-Lis, 10/ less for each grade.

Bar iron: £10/15/, in ton lots; shoeing iron, £11/15/; shoeing steel, 12/ to 12/6 per cwt.

Sheet lead: £20/5/; sheet zinc, £29; perforated zinc, 2/ per sheet.

Piping: Black, 73½ off list; galvanised, 63 off list.

Guttering and downpiping: 40 to 45 per cent. off list.

Tinplates: I.C. Coke, 20 x 14, 14/10d to 15/, on spot, 28 x 20 31/; I.C. charcoal, 17/6.

Wire nettings:—

1 in x 1½ x 17: Australian, A, £22/17/6 mile; B, £20/17/6; English, best heavy, £20/10/; ordinary, A grade, £27/7/6, B £25/7/6; German, £20/10/.

1½ x 1½ x 18: Australian, £21/17/6; English, £17/12/6; German, £21/10/.

1½ x 1½ x 17: A, Australian £25/15/, B £24.

Cement: Best English, 13/ on spot; German, 12/ to 12/6.

Plaster: King's Windsor, 13/ to 13/6, according to parcel.

Axe handles (A in a diamond), 8/ per doz. No. 1 Collins, 11/9; ditto pick handles, 12/9; /6 extra for broken stock.

Rabbit traps: Griffith's, 10/, in tanks lot, 10/3 broken stock; Sidebotham's, 5/6.

Sheep shears: Standard brands, 34/ to 36/.

Turkey stones: 1/1.

OILS.

Kerosene (per gallon): Snowflake, ex store, /10½; Silverlight, /9½; engine kerosene, /7½ to /8½.

Motor-car spirits: 1/5½ 4-gallon tins, 1/7½ 2-gallon tins.

Linseed oil (per gallon): First brands, raw, 3/2 to 3/4; double-boiled, 3/4 to 3/6; second brands, raw, 3/1; boiled, 3/2 to 3/3; local, 2/10, raw, in casks, 3/ in drums.

Turpentine (per gallon): Pratt's, 2/11; Pinetree, 2/10.

Castor: 2/9, parcels; drums, 3/2.

China: Pure, 4/7 per gallon; denaturated (under Customs supervision), 3/ (in 4's) and 3/2 (in 1's); lamp oil from 3/3.

Cottonseed: 5/ to 5/3, according to description; denaturated, 2/10 to 3/.

Rapeseed: 3/9 to 4/. Colza: According to brands, 4/ to 4/6, 4-gallon tins.

Japanese fish: Scarce, 1/6 per gallon.

White: No. 1 pale, 1/10; e. pl., refined, 2/; Polar, 2/6; Cod: Newfoundland, 2/3; Newfoundland, 2/2.

Neatsfoot: Pure, 2/5 to 2/6; compound, 1/10 to 2/.

Creosote: Pure, 2/0 to 2/; Cream oil, £19/10/.

Whitefoot: First brands, in swim, £30/10/ per ton; fit quarters, £31/5/ per ton, 20/ less for large orders; second brands, in swim, from £29 to £29/10/, according to brand; fit quarters, £30 to £30/10/.

Stockholm tar: Local, 5/9, in drums, load lots; 40-gallon casks, 40/; imported, 6/ to 6/3.

Woodmanship oil: Black, 2/6 to 4/, according to brand; colours, 2/6 to 4/, according to brands.

Flyblown-sheep oil: Australian, 2/6, for distributing lots.

CHEMICALS.

Rosin: G grade, £9/10/ per ton parcels; N grade parcels, £13/10/; small lots, £15/15/ per ton.

Cream of tartar: /7½ to /8 parcels.

Nitric acid: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th.

Tartaric crystals: /11 to /11½, according to quantity; powdered, /11.

Bluestone: Macclesfield, parcels £24/10/; distributing up to £25.

Borax: Powder, £10/10/; crystals, £18/10/, in parcels.

Strychnine: 2/3d.

Flowers of sulphur: Parcels, £7/15/.

Carbide: Best Scandinavian, to £14 on spot and near arrival.

Bicarbonate (Brunner Mond), £7/17/6 to £8 for parcels, small lots £8/2/6; caustic, Muspratt's, in parcels, £13/10/, small £13/15/; Crechunk's, in parcels £14/10/, small lots £15/15/; silicate of soda, liquid, £6/10/ for parcels, and up to £5/15/ for small lots, lump £8 to £8/15/ for parcels, and £8/12/6 to £9/15/ for small lots; soda ash, £7 per ton, distributing lots 5/ extra.

The amount of wool manifested to arrive at Darling Harbour yesterday totalled 213 bales.

BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market showed further strength, though little activity. Some business was done on country mill account at 5/4, but there were few sellers at that. The general selling quotation was 5/4½. Millers would not offer at 5/5, but to purpose. One metropolitan miller bought on the previous day at 5/3. London was called firmer, cargoes having been placed at a further figure.

Flour was dull, and the nominal quotations unchanged. Some comparatively cheap parcels, however, were to be had.

Barley: Barley yesterday 230 tons of wheat and 83 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

WHEAT LOADINGS AND STACKS.

For the week ended May 1, 54,244 bags of wheat were despatched from country railway stations, the particulars being as follow:—

Station.	No. of Bags.	Station.	No. of Bags.
Temora	2,205	Manildra	60
Murrumburrah	20	Forbes	341
Wyalong	64	Bogan Gate	22
Molong	150	Mullion Creek	7
Bomen	980	Mary Vale	37
Wagga	83	Geurie	744
Mt. Stack	3,273	Webb's Siding	23
Lockhart	4,510	Narromine	36
Henty	10,323	Brewongle	47
Culcairn	4,080	Blayney	173
Walla Walla	2,340	Mendooran	60
Burrumbuttock	653	Lyndhurst	12
Ballidale	5,261	Cowra	260
Jindera	1,850	Greenthorpe	1,631
Corowa	2,067	Kingsvale	219
Table Top	84	Quirindi	25
Old Junee	2,175	Spring Ridge	102
Illabrie	229	Tripidgee	200
Coolamon	4,340	Manilla	1,365
Matong	243	Tamworth	2,224
Marrar	55	Moonbi	100
Finley	700	Armidale	65
Yanco	10	Glencoe	21
Spring Hill	970	Delungra	620
Orange	89		
Borrowe	77	Total	54,244
Amaroo	40		

Particulars of the stacks of wheat on railway premises comprised 503,091 (large and small) bags, as contrasted with 506,740 bags on May 2, 1908. The stacks are distributed as follow:—

Station.	No. of bags.	Station.	No. of bags.
Stockinbingal	7,719	Hopefield	2,708
Temora	17,427	Corowa	30,656
Quandary	1,370	Old Junee	10,126
Marsh Park	1,553	Mayrung	1,050
Bectom	3,609	Coolamon	33,395
Gidginbung	5,627	Gammain	44,611
Beerigan	2,273	Berrigan	86,466
Barmedman	20	Finley	424
Illabo	118	Wellington	4,716
Tranquility	8,991	Geurie	1,444
The Rock	6,042	Tarcutta	24,231
Lockhart	20,160	Cowra	13,058
Henty	64,891	Greenthorpe	7,113
Culcairn	6,357	Parkes	2,000
Germanton	24,327	Manilla	10,127
Walla Walla	2,752	Darling Island	37,082
Burrumbuttock	10,021		
Rockdesky	42,283	Total	563,091
Ballidale	18,899		

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, May 5, 3.20 p.m.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 2/0 7-8 per ounce standard.

TALLOW.

May 6, 1.30 p.m.

At the tallow sales 1628 casks were offered, and 976 sold, at a decline of sixpence.

VISIBLE AMERICAN WHEAT.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is stated by "Bradstreet's" to be the equivalent of 49,140,000 bushels of wheat. Last week the visible supply was 55,077,000, and last year 39,921,000 bushels.

METALS.

LONDON, May 6, 6.44 a.m.

Yesterday's closing quotations were:—

Copper, spot, b £57/17/6, s £58/2/6; three months, b £58/11/3, s £58/16/3.

Tin, spot, b £131/2/6, s £131/12/6; three months, b £132/2/6, s £132/12/6.

Lead, soft foreign, b £13/2/6, s £13/3/9.

WHEAT.

The cargo of the barque Eligene Pergeline (from Adelaide, Feb. 26) has been sold at 42/1d, and that of the Alsterien (in port at Wallaroo) at 43/4d.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

Schulte, Bell, and Co., have received the following cable from their London agents under date 5th inst.:—"Prices as compared with closing rates of March series are as follow:—All merinos 5 to 10 per cent. higher, coarse crossbred (greasy) 5 per cent. higher, fine crossbred (greasy), 10 per cent. higher. Fine crossbred, suitable for United States orders, has a further upward tendency."

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., have also received cables.

TALLOW SALE.

Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., have received from their London house, under yesterday's date, the following cable respecting tallow:—"Prices for mutton tallow are unaltered, but beef has declined /6 per cwt since our last report. Quotations are as follows:—Fair to good mutton tallow, demand steady at from 21/ to 21/6 per cwt. Beef demand steady at from 29/ to 29/6 per cwt."

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

London advises a stronger market in wheat to-day. Local prices were unaltered, business being done on interstate account at 5/1. The market was not active. Flour was dull at £11/10/. Bran and pollard were steady at 4/6. Locally, chaff was rather firmer, but not more than £4 could be got for export.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Wheat was firmer, especially for forward delivery. Fair sales for prompt delivery were made at from 5/2 to 5/2d, while parcels for June delivery were worth 5/3. Flour was dull, up to £11/10/. Bran was quoted at 4/2 by millers, but lower rates from second hands. Pollard sold up to 1/3. Barley was steady. Good to prime malting sold from 3/9 to 4/, medium 3/ to 3/6, English feed 2/6 to 2/8, pearling 2/8 to 2/9. Cape feed 2/3 to 2/7. Oats were fairly active. Algerian milling, good to prime, sold from 2/1 to 2/2, fair to good heavy feed 2/ to 2/1, thin feed to 1/10. Maize sold from 4/8 to 4/9d. Peas were quiet at from 4/7 to 4/8. Chaff was steady. Green wheaten sold from 67/6 to 75/; prime oaten, 62/6 to 70/; good chaff, 57/6 to 60/; manger hay, 80/ to 85/; hidpiece to 65/; chaffing sheaves, 32/6 to 35/; straw, Victorian 25/ to 40/, Tasmanian 60/ to 65/6. Potatoes, prime, sold from, Carmen 80/ to 90/, Brownell 65/ to 75/, Ballarat Pinkeye 60/ to 67/6. Onions were firmer. Brown Spanish sold from £5/5/ to £6/15/.

Business in tea covers 90 packages Ceylon, 120 packages Indian, and small sales of medium Panyong, ages Indian, and small sales of medium Panyong, ages Indian, and small sales of medium Panyong. Moderate business was done in cleaned Amalis currants. Sheena salmon, 4lb flats, have had further business. Corncobs were quoted up to 4/6 for season, and 4/7½ on spot. Branbags sold from 4/ to 4/1 on spot, with lower rates to arrive, per Hymettus. Fencing-wire was selling at from £7/12/ to £8.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

The high prices which are being asked for nearly all produce lines are telling on the operations. Retailers are restricting their dealings to just sufficient to carry them over the week, while some of them refuse to purchase commodities which usually return a small profit when retailed. This state of affairs was most noticeable in the maize market. Agents were using every effort to secure Monday's advanced price to 4/7, and in some few instances were they successful. A slight falling-off in the inland demand was noted, while the retailers mostly merely asked the price. The deliveries of maize from the farms this week, it will be remembered, were above the previous supplies for the season, so that if this quieter tone continues it will be useless to hold out for the last increase. The present situation of the market can be judged by the offering of a truck of prime dry yellow Hawkesbury River maize at auction. Buyers competed cautiously up to 4/6, and notwithstanding the urgent appeals to them on the part of sellers to give /1 more, the truckload was eventually passed in. Imported chaff continued to move off well, while local chaff was not so eagerly sought after. For the best samples of white oats offering agents were still able to secure 2/10. The dearness of vegetables had a lot to do with the demand for the pea, which were now being largely reduced in stocks. The usual small supply of Hunter River lucerne, which generally arrives on Thursday, put in an appearance. About 60 bales were unloaded, and the market continued on the same level. Onions were quiet; while Tasmanian potatoes moved off steadily at current values.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Maize.—Northern River: Prime dry yellow, 4/6 to 4/7; white, 4/3 to 4/4 per bus.

Barley.—Cape, 3/2. English: Nominal per bus.

Peas.—Blue, prime 6/, good 5/ to 5/9; grey, prime 5/ to 5/6; good 4/6 per bus.

Oats.—White, 2/9 to 2/10. Algerian: 2/6 to 2/7 per bus. At auction, local Algerian, 2/5 per bus.

Wheat.—At auction, prime cobs 4/11 per bus.

Bran.—£6; pollard, £6 per ton.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Melbourne: Wheaten £5/10/, oaten £4/10/; Adelaide: £5/5/ to £5/10/ per ton. At auction, local prime 5/8 to 5/6, medium 4/1 to 4/9, inferior 2/10 per cwt.

Derrick Straw.—Tasmanian: £3/5/. Victorian: £3 per ton.

Oaten Hay.—Victorian: £4/10/ to £4/15/ per ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green £4/15/; new green, from £4 per ton. At auction, prime 4/7 to 4/9, choice Hunter River, 4/5, prime small bales 4/5, prime truss 4/5 to 5/ per cwt.

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins, £5; darkskins, £4/5/ to £4/10/ per ton. At auction, local good to prime 3/6 to 4/ per cwt.

Onions.—Victorian: Brown Spanish, £6 to £6/10/. New Zealand: £5/10/ to £6 per ton.

Pumpkins.—At auction, local cattle feed £2/5/ to £2/10/ per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Owing to Thursday being one of the off-days in the business of the dairy products, the operations were only of a quiet nature. Bacon was moving off readily, and in the case of small lines, current rates were paid. In the case of special brands, holders were forced to raise their prices another /0½. Light consignments of cheese were again marketed. Large to medium lots were rather hard to secure, as the factories were not forwarding sufficient. The demand for these particular sizes during the winter months is expected to improve considerably.

Eggs were steady, and consignments were willingly sent in. Butter continued steady at current values. Owing to the retailers closing on Saturday afternoon in Melbourne, a number of the Melbourne merchant reports have already been received, and these have altered their sale days. A Melbourne merchant reports their market as follows:—"Fresh Butter: The insugural sales under the new conditions brought about by the compulsory closing on Saturday held on Monday (Tuesday), when the market was fairly well supplied with Victorian factory butter. Business in this department, however, was not quiet and unsettled, partly due to the fact that buyers find it difficult to gauge their trade requirements, and also to some preferring to work off accumulated stocks before making further purchases. Prices generally were maintained at late levels, but for ordinary good to prime makes lower prices had to be accepted. Prime factories to 1/0½, special brands to 1/0¾, dairymen's district 1/2, stored butter, good from 1/0½ to /11 per lb.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Specially flavoured brands, 112/, good 110/, seconds 108/ to 109/; dairymen, 96/ to 98/ per

COUNTRY NEWS.

THE NAMBUCCA BAR.

BOWRAVILLE, Wednesday.

A representative meeting was held last night in regard to the neglect of the Government to attend to the bar and dredge the river. The president of the shire, Councillor Lane, was in the chair. The following resolutions were passed, to be forwarded to Mr. Briner, M.L.A., for presentation to the Minister:—(1) "That this meeting strongly urges upon the Minister for Works the necessity for immediately placing a dredge at Nambucca bar, as the present condition means continued loss to farmers and the public generally owing to steamers being barbound for a week and longer." (2) "That the Minister take steps to have the southern breakwater at Nambucca Heads built and the northern wall extended as far as Half-tide Rock."

MUNICIPAL.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

An interesting point cropped up at a meeting of the municipal council. The Mayor, Alderman Alex. Matheson, in going through the ordinary business of the council, said there was a report by the works committee, and he was somewhat surprised to find in this connection that three aldermen held a meeting, and made a great many recommendations. In the first place, added the Mayor, they had no power to meet as a committee, because it was for the Mayor, who was also chairman of committees, to call these meetings. As long as he was Mayor he would allow no man to usurp his position. Seeing that he was temporarily absent from town, he thought it irregular on the part of members of the works committee to hold a meeting. In addition to this, they had not submitted any estimates of cost in connection with their recommendations. The whole report was out of order. Alderman Britz asked if the town clerk called the committee together. The Mayor replied that the clerk had done so. Alderman Schwartz thought the Mayor's remarks were insulting. He understood, according to the Local Government Act, a certain number of committee men could call a meeting. The Mayor: No, not a committee meeting. If the Mayor refuses to call any meeting action can then be taken. Ultimately, the Mayor ruled the report out of order. Alderman Ison moved that the Mayor's ruling be dissented from. Alderman White seconded the motion. Eventually Alderman Ison withdrew his motion until next meeting night.

THE CHURCHES.

BELLINGEN, Thursday.

The Rev. E. T. Hengel Jones has left for Canada. The Rev. J. H. Terras is occupying the Presbyterian pulpit temporarily.

BRUSHGROVE, Thursday.

Archdeacon Moxon, of Grafton, laid the foundation-stone of a new Church of England last week.

CASINO, Thursday.

The Methodist Church welcomed Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Taylor. The church was well filled. Mr. E. J. Francis occupied the chair.

GILGANDRA, Thursday.

On Sunday Bishop Camidge, of Bathurst, consecrated the C.E. portion of Gilgandra Cemetery in the morning, and in the afternoon conducted a confirmation service.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

Cadet Ida Ford, daughter of Mr. W. Ford, of Grafton, was entertained at the Army barracks last week, prior to her leaving for the Melbourne Training Home, and presented with a travelling rug from the Grafton corps.

GUYRA, Thursday.

The Guyra parochial council has decided to obtain the services of a curate to assist the vicar of Guyra and Uralla, and to apply to have the parochial district raised to the status of a parish; also to take steps for the erection of a new church at Guyra.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The annual industrial exhibition promoted by the ladies of the Anglican community was opened in the Alhambra Hall last night.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The jubilee celebrations in connection with the Methodist Church, which commenced on Friday evening, terminated last evening with a tea and public meeting, which were very largely attended. It is expected that the sum of £150 will be netted over the celebrations. This will be devoted to paying off the indebtedness of the trust funds account.

The ceremony of the reception and profession was conducted in the Dominican Convent chapel on Thursday by Dr. Dwyer, Coadjutor-Bishop of Maitland, assisted by a large number of priests. Miss May Hogan, of Hillsborough, was received. The young ladies who professed were Miss Florrie Tunney, of Spring Park, Monteagle; Miss Gertie Moylan, Oakhampton; Miss May Williams, Tamworth.

Special services in connection with the jubilee of the Methodist Church were held to-day. The Rev. P. J. Stephen, of the Central Mission, Sydney, preached in the morning and evening, and conducted a service for young people in the afternoon.

WYONG, Thursday.

The new Presbyterian Church was officially opened on Sunday by the Rev. J. Smith, of Newcastle.

MASONIC.

COONAMBLE, Thursday

Members of the Masonic Lodge presented Past Master Bro. J. D. Button with a handsome Pastmaster jewel, in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge as secretary. Bro. J. Le Maire, tyler, was also presented with a tyler's jewel in recognition of 25 years' continuous services as tyler.

TOWRA, Thursday.

The annual installation ceremony in connection with the local Masonic Lodge was held on Friday evening, Worshipful Brother Howard acting as installing master. The principal officers installed were:—Bro. H. M. Oliver, W.M.; Bro. A. Marshall, S.M.; Bro. J. Montgomery, J.W.

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

Last night the installation ceremony of Masonic Lodge Macleay was conducted as follows:—W.M., Bro. H. B. Savage; I.P.M., Wor. Bro. R. Plummer; S.W., Bro. G. A. Robinson; J.W., Bro. G. W. King; chaplain, Wor. Bro. J.W. Gow; treasurer, W. N. Flatt; secretary, F. Appleyard; D.C., Wor. Bro. C. A. Lane; organist, Bro. G. J. Wickham; S.D., Bro. H. Robinson; J.D., Bro. Woolnough; I.G., Bro. A. E. Crossman; O.G., Bro. James Grace; stewards, Bros. Younger, Tallon, Zemank, and H. Kobb.

TENTERFIELD, Tuesday.

At the installation of officers of the Masonic Lodge on Thursday night the following were invested:—W.M., Bro. A. H. C. Purkis; J.P.M., Wor. Bro. S. F. Wilson; S.W., Bro. E. Walker; J.W., Bro. E. J. Petherick; chaplain, Wor. Bros. W. Godrich; treasurer, Bro. J. Williams; secretary, Bro. H. J. Hickey; D.C., Wor. Bro. E. W. Whereat; S.D., Bro. L. E. Scott; J.D., Bro. T. Crisp; I.G., Bro. E. Merrell; organist, Bro. P. Hannay. Bro. S. Wilson was the installing master. During the evening Bro. Whereat was presented with a handsome jewel.

THE HOSPITALS.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The hospital committee last evening reported that the institution was in urgent need of funds. After the payment of the monthly accounts, only £12 was left. It was decided to write to the Chief Secretary, stating the urgency of the hospital's need, and asking him to forward the subsidy due.

DISTRICT COURTS.

MUSWELLBROOK, Thursday.

In the District Court, before Judge Fitzhardinge, the appeal of Campbell and Co., Limited, against the municipal assessment on business premises and land in Bridge-street, was decided in favour of the council in the case of Windsor v Bakewell, illegal impounding, at Scone, claim £50 damages, a verdict was given for plaintiff for £5, with costs, and expenses of three witnesses. In the case of Dann v Hannam, ill-using and damaging cattle, claim £50, defendant paid £2 into court. A verdict was entered for £2, no costs being allowed.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

SINGLETON, Thursday.

The Quarter Sessions were opened on Monday before Judge Fitzhardinge. Harry De Courcy was charged with being found on the premises of Gould Bros. and Co., Singleton, at 4.15 a.m., on April 20, armed with an instrument, to wit, a door key, with intent to commit a felony. Accused was also charged with that he did, between April 13 and 20, steal four bags of chaff, of the value of 12s, the property of Gould Bros. and Co., of Singleton. Accused pleaded not guilty to the first indictment, and guilty to the charge of stealing chaff. Accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Goulburn Gaol with hard labour, the sentence to be suspended on accused entering into sureties to be of good behaviour for 12 months. In connection with the charge of being found on the premises with intent to commit a felony, accused was bound over to appear for trial if called upon. William Davis, a halfcaste, was charged with misconduct on the St. Clair-road on Friday, April 2. Accused was found not guilty. Henry James Craft was charged with that he did, on January 14, at Shingle Gully, steal one red and white steer, the property of William King. Accused was also charged with receiving the steer knowing it to be stolen. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

YOUNG, Thursday.

The Quarter Sessions opened on Monday before Acting Judge Hamilton. Mr. H. M. Stephens was Crown Prosecutor. William Barry, charged with breaking and entering and stealing a number of articles of clothing, was found guilty and sentenced to 12 months' hard labour in Bathurst Gaol. Dennis Dunne, charged with horse stealing, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in Goulburn Gaol.

THE SCHOOLS.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Parents' Society, West Kempsey school, it was decided to present the Commonwealth flag to the school at Kempsey, England.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

A fire occurred at 1.30 o'clock this morning at North Armidale in a storehouse at the rear of G. H. Bradley's general store. It was completely destroyed. The other buildings escaped. The loss is about £120. The insurance totalled £50. The fire brigade was unable to save anything. The adjoining buildings were not damaged.

BELLINGEN, Thursday.

The Grand United Oddfellows' annual ball last night was a great success, over 70 couples being present.

BYRON BAY, Wednesday.

A letter carrier commenced the delivery of all mails around town this morning.

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

A few months ago a child named Ryan was killed at the level crossing over the main street of Blayney, and representations were urgently made to the Railway authorities with a view to getting rid of the danger and delay to the public. On the occasion of the child's funeral, the gates over the crossing were closed between the hearse and the rest of the procession, and shunting operations were carried out, which frightened some of the horses. The father of the child died on Monday, and it is a remarkable coincidence that his funeral was also stopped at the railway gates to enable shunting operations to be carried out. The callousness of the department in reference to these matters is freely commented upon.

BRAIDWOOD, Thursday.

At a meeting of the shire council five applications were received for the position of engineer. Mr. W. Val Miller, formerly engineer to the Wollondilly shire, was appointed.

BREWARRINA, Thursday.

Mr. H. C. Royle has been appointed council clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. E. F. Holmes.

The large alterations and additions to the courthouse and police station in Brewarrina are nearing completion.

A local cadet corps has been formed at the Brewarrina Public School.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Mr. Albert E. Hill, of the Postal Department, who has been transferred to Sydney, was last night presented with a travelling rug and dressing case by his comrades.

CASINO, Thursday.

Mr. S. Joseph, operator at the Casino Post Office, was entertained prior to leaving for Atherton, Queensland, where he has acquired a selection.

COOLAMON, Thursday.

Mr. John Ledwidge, editor and proprietor of the Coolamon "Echo," died yesterday morning from pneumonia after a short illness.

Mr. Colin Smith, stationmaster at Coolamon for the past three years, has been promoted, and removed to Temora.

COONAMBLE, Thursday.

On Wednesday a representative gathering with the Mayor in the chair was held to bid good-bye and make a presentation to Mr. W. S. Osborne, for seven years manager of the Commercial Bank here, and who has been promoted to Orange. Dr. Bertram and other representative speakers spoke highly of the guest, who was presented with a silver revolving entree tray, and a cheque will be forwarded to Orange later on. During the afternoon Mrs. Osborne was entertained at tea, and presented with a silver-mounted toilet set by a number of ladies.

GILGANDRA, Thursday.

Mr. J. Burke, who recently resigned the position of first male assistant in the Gilgandra school to enter business life, was presented by the pupils with a silver shaving set.

GRENFELL, Thursday.

Hospital Saturday collections were taken up throughout the town and district on Saturday last. The sum of £130 has already been received, and when the amounts from the country districts are in it is expected fully £220 will have been collected. The hospital is taxed to its utmost to accommodate the patients.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

Last month 21 cases of scarlatina and 18 of diphtheria were registered; also six of typhoid. Three of the diphtheria cases and three of the typhoid were from outside the city.

In reply to the largely-signed requisition from the Goulburn section of the Werriwa electorate, asking him to submit his name as a candidate for that electorate, Colonel Ryrie, M.L.A., consents, providing the other large centres are of like mind to Goulburn. Colonel Ryrie intimates that the requisitionists, in appealing to his spirit of patriotism by saying that his practical military knowledge would be of service to the country in assisting Parliament in solving the difficult problem of the defence of Australia, have appealed to him on the one ground that would induce him for one moment to entertain the proposal that he should sever his political connection with that part of the Queanbeyan electorate which is not embraced in Werriwa.

HAY, Thursday.

The annual show of the Hay Horticultural Society took place yesterday, and was very successful, some excellent roses and chrysanthemums being sent in from the surrounding stations. The champion chrysanthemum was shown by the Rev. Donald, of Nap Nap, and the champion rose by the estate of the late Arthur Tyson, of Peverely.

LEADVILLE, Thursday.

Another large and influential meeting was held here on Tuesday night, supporting advocacy of the deviation of the Mudgee-Dunedoo railway extension to bring Crabboon Station nearer the junction of Gulgong and Cobbora roads. The meeting strongly supported the proposal. Speakers included Mr. R. Jones, M.L.A., and Mr. H. E. Horne, M.L.A.. Many attended from Coobah. Mr. Jones and others demonstrated that the distance to be traversed by the line would be shortened by the deviation asked for without meeting with engineering difficulties.

MURWILLUMBAH, Thursday.

The Shire Council has received a grant of £300, conditional on the council adding £300, for the protection of the river bank from erosion. The grant will not be nearly sufficient to complete the work, but it will be commenced as early as possible.

MUSWELLBROOK, Thursday.

Mr. Joseph Daniel has been elected unopposed to the vacancy in Muswellbrook Shire Council, caused by the death of Mr. R. T. Keys.

STOWAWAYS ON THE PAROO.

ALLEGED BREACH OF IMMIGRATION ACT.

PERTH, Thursday.

At the Fremantle Police Court this morning Dalgety and Company, agents, and James Rogers, master of the steamer Paroo, were charged with committing a breach of the Immigration Act, through having on March 12 allowed the vessel to enter Fremantle with six Chinese stowaways, who were prohibited immigrants. For the defence it was urged that the stowaways were not prohibited within the meaning of sub-section 9 of the Immigration Act, and that the owners of the steamers were entitled to the protection afforded by section 9.

The magistrate reserved his decision.

NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

MELBOURNE UNEMPLOYED'S REQUEST.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Representatives of the unemployed to-day handed to the Secretary for Public Works (Mr. Drake) a list containing the names of between 300 and 400 men who said they wished to be assisted to reach New South Wales, in order that they might accept work on the North Coast railway. Mr. Drake sent an officer to interview the Melbourne agents of the North Coast railway contractors, and as a result he was informed that the contractors would not engage any men in Melbourne, and would give no undertaking that work would be found for any who went to the locality.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

PROPOSED TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICANS.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The New Zealand Football Association discussed the financial aspect of the proposed visit of a South African team to New Zealand and Australia. It was resolved to write to the New South Wales association, asking that Australia pay £370 towards the expenses instead of £150, New South Wales contributing £120, Western Australia £100, and South Australia £50. It is estimated that the cost of the Australian portion of the tour will be £810.

FIJI-VICTORIA SERVICE.

CONTRACT NOT SETTLED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

It is now practically certain that Mr. H. C. Sleigh's tender for the provision of a direct steamship service between Melbourne and Suva will not be accepted by the Governments of Fiji and Victoria. Mr. Sleigh offered to supply a fortnightly service for a subsidy of £6000 a year, and his was the lowest tender received. It is probable that one of the higher tenderers for the service will be accepted.

NEWCASTLE.

COCKLE CREEK WORKS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

At the Sulphide Corporation's Cockle Creek works during the week ore was treated producing bullion containing 1367oz gold, 34,761oz silver, and 356 tons lead.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Selwyn Craig, bqtn, for Auckland, with 750 tons coal; Yarra, s, for Melbourne, with 3270 tons coal and 120 tons bunkers; Era, s, for Melbourne, with 3550 tons coal and 200 tons bunkers.

THE TORONTO RAILWAY.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS UNFAVOURABLY

The Newcastle Chamber of Commerce today received a letter from Mr. Charlton, M.L.A., stating that the Minister for Works had received a report from the Chief Commissioner for Railways in reference to the proposal that the Government should take over the tramway line from Toronto to Fassifern, and run a service in connection with the Newcastle suburban traffic. Mr. Charlton regretted that the report of the Commissioner was of an unfavourable nature, as he said he had been sown in the interval. Progress had been made in mission work since then. But what was wanted now was a man of special knowledge to organise. Canada had done that, and the result was a huge success. It secured a man capable of organising and raising money. And from 1880 till the present time the Church in Canada had gone forward. It had covered the immense territory of Canada with home mission stations, which rapidly became self-sustaining charges. But they had a different problem to face in Australia. Population was rapidly pouring into Canada from all parts of the world to settle on the land. They took up selections, cleared the forests, produced harvests, and later on became rich. Then grew up villages and towns. In Australia we had to face the desert, and a sparse population which was not increasing materially. In Canada they had to face the winter with the land ice-bound. Here we had to face drought. Travelling was often difficult, and agents could not go from place to place. We wanted a man to face the difficulties of Australia, not go on the lines of Canada altogether, and to solve them in a way suitable to Australia. (Applause.)

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W.C.T. UNION.

GREETINGS FROM ASSEMBLY.

VISIT FROM ALLIANCE.

At the Women's Christian Temperance Union Conference meeting yesterday morning Lady Holder presided. Letters of sympathy were sent to Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Heydon, and the Misses Spence.

Mrs. Donaldson, of Goulburn, in the financial aspect, told of the need of systematic giving. In Western Australia and South Australia splendid results had been achieved in this direction.

Mrs. Kirk (Vic.) read the report of the World's Mission Fund, and outlined the world-wide activities of the organisation. Greetings were received from various sister societies in other parts of the Commonwealth. The morning session concluded with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Copeland.

Before the afternoon session began a visiting presidents' meet to thank the members of the New South Wales Alliance for their hospitality. Special addresses were delivered by the Revs. E. Price, W. Woolis Rutledge, and Mr. Albert Brunnell, who all congratulated the W.C.T.U. on its splendid organisation, and on the valuable work it was doing for the sake of humanity in Australia.

Mrs. Smith then read the report of the "Health and Heredity" department. The superintendent regretted that the work in this department was not pursued as vigorously as it should. Still many able papers had been written and forwarded to various unions for discussion. Mothers had been visited, cookery competitions held, and generally a satisfactory record was presented.

The scientific department was well handled by Mrs. MacLeod, who told of the scientific instruction given, and the valuable which resulted from the giving of prizes to children for proficiency. The Loyal Temperance Leagues devoted much attention to this phase of work. Medical and scientific investigation was everywhere coming to the aid of temperance workers, and triumphantly vindicating their contention that in health alcohol was no benefit, and in disease but little use. (Applause.)

The report on evangelistic and cottage meetings, presented by Mrs. Clark, showed how varied were the ramifications of the union. The lochgow were visited regularly, open-air addresses delivered, and cottage visitations arranged.

Mrs. Woods submitted the report of the Sabbath observance committee. All Sunday trading and Sunday concerts were strenuously opposed.

Letters of greeting were received from the Presbyterian General Assembly through the Rev. J. Steele, convener of the temperance committee, who was accompanied by the Rev. E. Muir. The Australian president, Mrs. Nolan, thanked the visitors for their greeting.

Mrs. Nicholls (S.A.) read the report of the Flower Mission, in which the majority of the branches were keenly interested. It was decided to send a bouquet to Miss Fenwell, the world's flower superintendent.

The evening was devoted to "legislation night." Miss Lodge gave an interesting address on the present legislative enactments as they affected women, and how women's advent into the political sphere had resulted beneficially for all classes.

Lady Holder (S.A.), Mrs. Hobbs (Vic.), Mrs. Wilson (Q.), and Miss George (W.A.) also delivered addresses.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Nolan presented a banner to the Victorian union for having, during the year, succeeded in gaining the greatest number of recruits for the cradle roll.

The conference will conclude its business to-day. To-morrow the final harbour excursion will be held.

For Chronic Chest Complaints, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d.—Advt.

The "Sydney Mail" this week has a number of excellent photographs taken in the Antarctic. Among them are the three members of the farthest south party—the last of the Adele penguins—the dash for the South Pole—starting out for the ascent of Mount Erebus—the steamer Koonya in a heavy sea—the cloud-maker—the winter quarters at Cape Royds.—Advt.

HOME MISSIONS.

CANADA AND AUSTRALIA.

A GRAPHIC COMPARISON.

Last night was devoted by the Presbyterian General Assembly to home missions, and St. Stephen's Church was crowded.

Dr. Clouston said the Church now recognised the value of home missions. In 1788, when New South Wales was founded, officials, soldiers, criminals, and others came. The racecourse and the public-house followed. The first Presbyterian minister arrived 25 years later, and found in accordance the fruit that had been sown in the interval. Progress had been made in mission work since then. But what was wanted now was a man of special knowledge to organise. Canada had done that, and the result was a huge success. It secured a man capable of organising and raising money. And from 1880 till the present time the Church in Canada had gone forward. It had covered the immense territory of Canada with home mission stations, which rapidly became self-sustaining charges. But they had a different problem to face in Australia. Population was rapidly pouring into Canada from all parts of the world to settle on the land. They took up selections, cleared the forests, produced harvests, and later on became rich. Then grew up villages and towns. In Australia we had to face the desert, and a sparse population which was not increasing materially. In Canada they had to face the winter with the land ice-bound. Here we had to face drought. Travelling was often difficult, and agents could not go from place to place. We wanted a man to face the difficulties of Australia, not go on the lines of Canada altogether, and to solve them in a way suitable to Australia. (Applause.)

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The Dubbo Turf Club will commence a two-days' meeting to-day.

Having enjoyed a fair spell, Helga and Flavigny have been put into work again.

Training operations at Randwick yesterday morning were unusually tame. Some interest, however, was manifested in Adornment, who was tried over the hurdles with moderate success, and later on Protector and another did some indifferent schooling over the battens. The grass tracks were closed, but the special fee was paid for the magpie track to gallop Dryite and Dill six furlongs, which they covered in 1m 18⅘s. Matchmaker ran a mile on the tan in 1m 48s, and Edna May six furlongs in 1m 22⅘s, which was half a second slower than Superbus made over a similar distance. To and Fro and Also got over six furlongs in 1m 20s, but Hela and Poser ran that distance in 1m 18⅘s. Linaria expended 1m 53⅘s over a mile, a distance which Outbreak covered in 1m 48⅘s, beating Victoria Cross and Wood King. Merel travelled six furlongs in 1m 20s; Rose Linnet did some spurting work, and Lord Cecil a useful gallop, while Beau Vive and Miss Corelli ran five furlongs in 1m 7s. Burton's team did easy work after breakfast. Among his lot is a charming and promising dark bay yearling filly by Tartan from that well-bred daughter of Janissary Chatelaine (imp.). This youngster was sired by Tartan during his racing days, and is certainly an excellent advertisement for that stout-hearted and reliable son of Lochiel.

Messrs. William Inglis and Son will offer at auction at noon to-day Lady Lansdowne, b m, by Zoraster; br pony gelding, 14 hands, by Berry; br filly, by Condor or Dorchester; also br filly by Maori. On Monday next, at noon, they will offer the right to collect at the entrance gates during Tattersall's May race meeting at Randwick on 15th inst.

Jockey Black rode four of the five winners at Young yesterday.

Carreno (Gambol—Piccaninny), who won the Narrandera Handicap on Wednesday, secured the Farewell Handicap yesterday.

Mr. H. L. Mackellar has been granted one month's leave of absence by the A.J.C., owing to indisposition, consequently Mr. W. J. Miller will act as starter at Warwick Farm to-morrow.

The Warwick Farm Racing Club has decided to adopt the new regulation of the A.J.C., viz., "That the use of cutting plates or any other form of plates or shoes which may be considered dangerous by the committee be prohibited."

Eppo out of the Hurdle Race and Jollymont out of the Liverpool Mile and Welter Handicap were the only additional scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with to-morrow's Warwick Farm races.

A pony and galloway race meeting is advertised to be held at Rosebery Park to-morrow afternoon.

Messrs. MacCabe, Morton, and Co. report having leased the following mares on account of the Berry Jerry Estate to Mr. Geo. Breen, of Summer Hill:—Two-year-old brown filly by Gambol—Ordinary, and two four-year-old mares, by Gambol from Troza and Gambol from Nauplin, for a term of two years. They also report having leased the two-year-old by Grafton from Dado, on account of Mr. A. Hay to Mr. W. Austin, of Rosehill, for a term of 2½ years.

Saverne has not, as far as appearances go, been improved by his trip to Sydney (says a Melbourne turf writer). He carried bandages on both hind legs at Caulfield on Saturday, and was very sore, but still was fancied by his owner for the steeplechase, in which, however, he ran badly.

Among the probable competitors in the Bay View Handicap, run over a mile, at Williamstown (Vic.) on Saturday, are Knox, Barrenjoey, Wirregah, Aurifera, Sweet Bird, and Akim Foo.

Mr. Wood, the Chief Secretary, has written to the secretary of the Cessnock Jockey Club, enclosing the necessary license for the new racecourse for the year 1909. Up to the present (says our correspondent) about £500 has been expended on this racecourse. In the Cessnock district there are now about a dozen horses training.

HORSES IN TRAINING AT RANDWICK.

The following additional names have been registered as trainers for the horses mentioned to train at the Randwick racecourse:—T. Lamond: Florence, Portland Light, filly Eris, Latitude, Shaftesbury.

J. Campbell: Hela, Poser, Criss Cross, and Malchester.

J. A. Mayo: Blue Book, Marlee, Danilo, Lunar Light, Calfonia, True Blue—Specula colt, True Blue—Sulphur colt.

P. Gough: Guiseppina, Michalowa, and ch g by Oscalator—Chain.

J. Scobie: Dorcas and Saida colt.

J. Flinn: Welcome Trist, Grist, Superbus, Very Canny, Squatter's Daughter, and a b e by Orzil.

C. Cook: Cellarman.

W. Ridby: Monobel, Patronatus, To and Fro, and Metograph.

J. C. Smith: Mordialloc, Samauri, and Lancasterite.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

KOORINGA WINS THE ADELAIDE CUP.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Adelaide Cup Day was characterised by showery conditions, but the weather at Morphetville yesterday was hardly so boisterous as that experienced 12 months ago, when Destinist scored. As on the preceding day, there was a capital attendance, and his Excellency the Governor and suite again were present. All things considered, the racing left little to cavil at, although backers of favourites again had a bad time. Striking figures were recorded in the machine, the day's takings establishing a record. £17,144 10s was the amount handled, which is over £3000 increase on the corresponding Barbary. Seven horses contested the Cup, and Palotta in the Welter, and the pair filled the positions, victory going to the Port Admiral mare, who won rather nicely, with Pretty Peggy third. In this race Jockey W. Downey was disqualified for three months for boring. Glucose was the popular selection in the St Marion Handicap, and he won readily, Regent and Lord Staff, a pair of mares for the Adelaide Cup was one of the finest seen for years. Inquiries were made for four of the candidates, but finally Willy Wally was installed favourite and in advance of Woorooma, while Waipuna and Zepho were each solidly backed. Kooringa was only mildly supported in consequence of an indifferent gallop on Monday morning. Right from the start the interesting struggle. The Shifter acted as pacemaker until half a mile from home; then Kooringa took a hand. The Bobadil horse led into the straight just ahead of Willy Wally, The Shifter, Metal Quern, and Medaglia. Resisting a determined challenge by the favourite, Kooringa scored handsomely, with Metal Quern a good third. Waipuna never once got clear of the ruck, nor did Woorooma; while Zepho was tailed off lengths behind the field throughout, and finished nearly last. It was a popular win, and Kooringa was loudly cheered on returning to scale. Here was a capital attendance, and his Excellency the Governor and suite again were present. All things considered, the racing left little to cavil at, although backers of favourites again had a bad time. Striking figures were recorded in the machine, the day's takings establishing a record. £17,144 10s was the amount handled, which is over £3000 increase on the corresponding Barbary. Seven horses contested the Cup, and Palotta in the Welter, and the pair filled the positions, victory going to the Port Admiral mare, who won rather nicely, with Pretty Peggy third. In this race Jockey W. Downey was disqualified for three months for boring. Glucose was the popular selection in the St Marion Handicap, and he won readily, Regent and Lord Staff, a pair of mares for the Adelaide Cup was one of the finest seen for years. Inquiries were made for four of the candidates, but finally Willy Wally was installed favourite and in advance of Woorooma, while Waipuna and Zepho were each solidly backed. Kooringa was only mildly supported in consequence of an indifferent gallop on Monday morning. Right from the start the interesting struggle. The Shifter acted as pacemaker until half a mile from home; then Kooringa took a hand. The Bobadil horse led into the straight just ahead of Willy Wally, The Shifter, Metal Quern, and Medaglia. Resisting a determined challenge by the favourite, Kooringa scored handsomely, with Metal Quern a good third. Waipuna never once got clear of the ruck, nor did Woorooma; while Zepho was tailed off lengths behind the field throughout, and finished nearly last. It was a popular win, and Kooringa was loudly cheered on returning to scale.

Farewell Handicap, 10 sovs., 6f.—Mr. J. J. M'Grath's Carrent, by Gambol—Piccaninny, 9st 12lb (Hyland), 1; Mr. A. S. Baldwin's The Gunner, 8st 2lb (Murray), 2; Mr. E. Tyson's Scotsman, 8st (O'Shannessy), 3. Other starters: Clovelly, 7st 10lb (Ramsute). Betting: 2 to 1 v Carreno, 3 to 1 v Scotsman, 6 to 1 v The Gunner. 10 to 1 v Clovelly. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 18s.

YOUNG TURF CLUB RACES.

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Town Plate, 4m.—Mr. Jackson's Playfair, 9st 6lb (Black), 1. Four others started. Time, 1m 46⅘s.

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Welter Handicap, 20 sovs., 7f.—Mr. Fitzgerald's Dix, 8st 5lb (Black), 1. Three others started. Time, 1m 33⅘s.

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RACING IN NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The race for the Hawke's Bay Cup of 400 sovs. resulted as follows:—Bulck's Tangimoana, 8st 3lb, 1; Master Soult, 8st 12lb, 2; California, 7st 12lb, 3. Thirteen started. Won by half a length. Time, 2m 43⅘s.

Hawkes Bay Stakes of 400 sovs, 6f.—W. Bidwill's Provocation, 8st 7lb, 1; Xylophone, 7st 8lb, 2; Maori King, 8st 3lb, 3. Won by a length. Time, 1m 23 1-5s.

Burke Memorial Stakes of 200 sovs, 1½m.—E. J. Watt's Aberfeldie, 9st 10½lb, 1; Sir Tristram, 8st 2lb, 2; Sandstream, 7st 9lb, 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m 58.

GEELONG RACING CLUB.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A meeting of the Geelong Racing Club was held today in fine weather, and there was an excellent attendance. Results:—

Trial Handicap, 1m.—Romeo, 9st (P. Guinane), 1; Skiddaw, 9st 8lb (W. Ridell), 2; Sienna, 11st 7lb (S. Howie), 3. Five started. Betting: 9 to 4 on Sienna, 5 to 1 v Romeo. Won by a length. Time, 2m 56⅘s.

Welter Handicap, 1m.—Pius, 9st 9lb (W. Clarke), 1; White Eyes, 8st 5lb (J. Thomas), 2; Boldrewood, 8st (A. Bell), 3. Five started. Betting: 5 to 4 v White Eyes, 7 to 1 v Pius. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1m 46⅘s.

Trial Handicap, 5f.—Aethra, 7st 5lb (G. Lambert), 1; Theodosia, 8st (D. M'Cowan), 2; Tea Tree, 8st 10lb (Kelly), 3. Other starters: Goldcrete, 9st (Murray); Favo, 8st 12lb (Wallis); Loughrea, 8st 8lb (Reuver); Tarradale, 8st 7lb (Olivewright); Scotsman, 8st (O'Shannessy). Betting: 5 to 4 v Carreno, 3 to 1 v Bona, 4 to 1 v Favo, 6 to 1 each v Scotsman and Loughrea, 8 to 1 each v Goldcrete and Mutineer, 12 to 1 v Tarradale. A splendid struggle between Mutiness and Bona. Won by three-quarters of length, with half a length between second and third. Time, 1m. 46⅘s.

Murrumbidgee Handicap, 15 sovs., 6f.—Mr. A. E. Tyson's Silverlight, by Valala Lubra, 7st 10lb (Parburst), 1; Mr. H. Bell's Tidy's Returned, 9st (Willis), 2; Mr. C. Cox's Red Bow, 9st 5lb (Hyland), 3. Other starters: Cotswood, 8st 10lb (Stuart); St. Jewell, 7st 5lb (Ramsute); Finnigan, 7st 5lb (Murray). Betting: 6 to 4 v Red Bow, 3 to 1 v Returned, 5 to 1 v Silverlight, 10 to 1 each v Finnigan, Cotswood, and St. Jewell. A capital race. Won by a length. Time, 1m 19s.

Welter Handicap, 15 sovs, 7f. Mr. G. Shaw's Adelio, by Inverray—Hettie, 10st 13lb (Beaver), 1; Mr. J. Parkhurst's Reedin, 9st 2lb (Waddups), 2; Mr. R. Glidden's Wyambee, 9st 11lb (Willis), 3. Other starters: Tarndale, 9st 13lb (M. Stuart); Paka, 8st 9lb (Mulvena); Valladah, 8st 5lb (M'Clure); Kreen v Alcido, 8st 4lb (M'Clure). Betting: Kreen v Alcido, 6 to 4 v Reedin, 5 to 1 v Tarndale, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a neck. Time, 1m 32⅘s.

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MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

A further rise of 2/6 per ton in copper, bringing the price to £57/18/9, with one private cable showing a recovery of 2/6 in lead, and another making it 2/9 better, together with the London Stock Exchange quotations on Wednesday indicating a fairly steady feeling for Australian silver and copper interests, tended to maintain the more cheerful aspect of affairs that came into view on Wednesday morning. This was particularly the case with copper stocks, and was also noticeable, but to a lesser degree, in regard to silver shares, and though both gold and tin scrip did not furnish much business, it was remarked that scrip-holders showed no disposition to mark down prices.

The attention of the market was principally concerned with copper shares, and the transactions, in nearly every case, showed prices either well maintained, or moving forward. Thus, Kangiara Mines, paid, firmed a fraction, the contributing scrip selling at late rates, the same being the case with Kylee Copper, with Chillagoe, contg., moving from 4/9 to 4/11; and Mount Morgans from 63/3 to 65/6. Contributing scrip in the newly-floated Kootenpitra Mines, a copper-gold-silver-lead proposition near Cootamundra, changed hands at 2s premium of 1/9 on the application and allotment fee for the scrip. On the other hand, Queen Bee and Lobb's Hole, contg., sold under late rates.

In regard to the stocks not dealt in, offers for Mungana, and Macgregors were in demand close up to late sale rates, Wallaroo and Moonta commanded good offers, but there was no sale officially recorded; whilst Grafton Copper was quoted very wide.

In high-priced silver scrip Broken Hill Proprietary, paid, as well as the contributing scrip, each recovered 1/, British (old) reseed scrip, each recovered 1/, British (old) reseed 2/, Broken Hill Block 10 was unchanged at 24/6, Broken Hill Sulphide Corporation, pref., 9/6, while Sulphide Corporation, pref., 9/6, while Sulphide Corporation, ordinary, were nominal. Broken Hill Block 14 changed hands at 24/6. Broken Hill Block 14 and Broken Hill Junctions were quoted steady; advanced offers failed to draw holders of Broken Hill South, Broken Hill Block 10, Broken Hill South, Broken Hill Block 14 were quoted steady, whilst there was no signs of any in the call for Broken Hill Proprietary, Sulphide Corporation, ordinary, were nominal at late rates.

Both gold and tin scrip took a back seat, so far as concerns the amount of business transacted. In the case of the former the only transaction was in East Mexican, paid, which rose 2/; otherwise Charters Towers and Gympie stocks were flat. Improved offers for Black Range were declined, whilst holders of Sandstone Development held for later rates, and Glitzin the tin section Vulcan Tin eased, and Glitzin the tin section Vulcan Tin eased, and Glitzin the tin section Vulcan Tin eased

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BELLSHAW.—The Friends of Mrs. ISABELLA BELLSHAW are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER, Ethel May; to move from 74 Wellington-street, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown stn. P. DANGAR and CO., Fun. Dir., 50 Gen.-st. W.

FRANCIS.—The Friends of the deceased Master CHARLES ALFRED FRANCIS are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from our Funeral Parlours, 10 Castlereagh-st, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers. Tel., 875.

FULLER.—The Relatives and Friends of Captain H. A. FULLER are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave our Mortuary Chambers, 484 Harris-street, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.

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HOLDEN.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. E. A. HOLDEN will take place at Gore Hill TO-DAY, 3 p.m.

HOWE.—The Funeral of the late WILLIAM HENRY HOWE, son of Mr. H. B. Howe (Railways), will leave our Mortuary Chambers, 484 Harris-st, TO-MORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.

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JONES.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM H. JONES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly-loved WIFE, Elizabeth, which will leave her late residence, 135 Beattie-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.

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LIFFEN.—The Friends of Mrs. JANE E. LIFFEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved only SON, Edwin H. L.; to leave 251 Darling-street, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery.

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MCAMLEY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD McCAMLEY, boot manufacturer, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, William; to leave their residence, 70 Nixon-street, Surry Hills, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Long Bay Cemetery.

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MCCONNELL.—The Friends of the late Mrs. McCONNELL and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence Monsur-street, Woollahra, THIS MORNING, at 8.30, for Sydney Station, thence to Goulburn.

CHARLES KINSELLA, Undertaker and Funeral Director, 116 Oxford-st, city. Tel., 992 Central.

MCMANUS.—The Friends of Mrs. EMMA McMANUS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly-beloved DAUGHTER, Bridget; to move from her residence, 125 Little Walker-street, North Sydney, THIS FRIDAY, at 3.15 p.m., for Gore Hill Cemetery.

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MORPHEW.—The Friends of the late ALFRED MORPHEW are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 56 Penkivil-street, Bondi, THIS DAY, Friday, at 3.15 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.

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PEVELY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN JAMES PEVELY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly-loved infant DAUGHTER, Louisa Annie Margaret, which will leave their residence, 108 Morehead-street, Redfern, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Long Bay.

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RAMSAY.—The Friends of Mr. ALFRED RAMSAY are respectfully informed that the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Lilly, will leave his residence, Lilyville, 67 View-street, Annandale, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. WALTER STEWART and SON, 122 Bathurst-st. T., 1544.

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RUSSELL.—The Friends of Robert M. and William E. Russell, Mrs. R. S. Pritchard, and Mrs. W. W. Davison are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FATHER, Robert A. Russell; to leave his daughter's residence, Lillian,—Sydenham-road, Marrickville, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45 (Rookwood Cemetery). F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, King and Brown streets, Newtown.

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SPENCE.—The Funeral of the late Rev. JOSEPH SPENCE will leave Malsonette, Glover-street, Mosman, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, arriving at Methodist Cemetery, Gore Hill, at 2.30 o'clock.

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STEELE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALEXANDER STEELE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Charles; to move from their residence, Newell, Beach-road, Dulwich Hill, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Necropolis, via Lewisham Station.

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STEELE.—The Members of the N.S.W. Saddlery and Harness-makers' Union are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of our late BROTHER, C. Steele; to move from his late residence, for Rookwood Cemetery, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON.

H. A. DYSON, President. ERN. H. FARRAR, Secretary.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE P.A.F.S. OF A.—The Officers and Members are invited to attend the Funeral of their late brother, CHARLES STEELE; to move from his father's residence, Newell, Beach-street, Dulwich Hill, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 8.45, for Necropolis, via Petersham station.

H. H. GARDINER, W.M. G. BIRSE, Secretary.

WITHER.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN WITHER and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE and MOTHER; to leave their residence, 82 Newman-street, Newtown, TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING, at 8 to 9, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown station.

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